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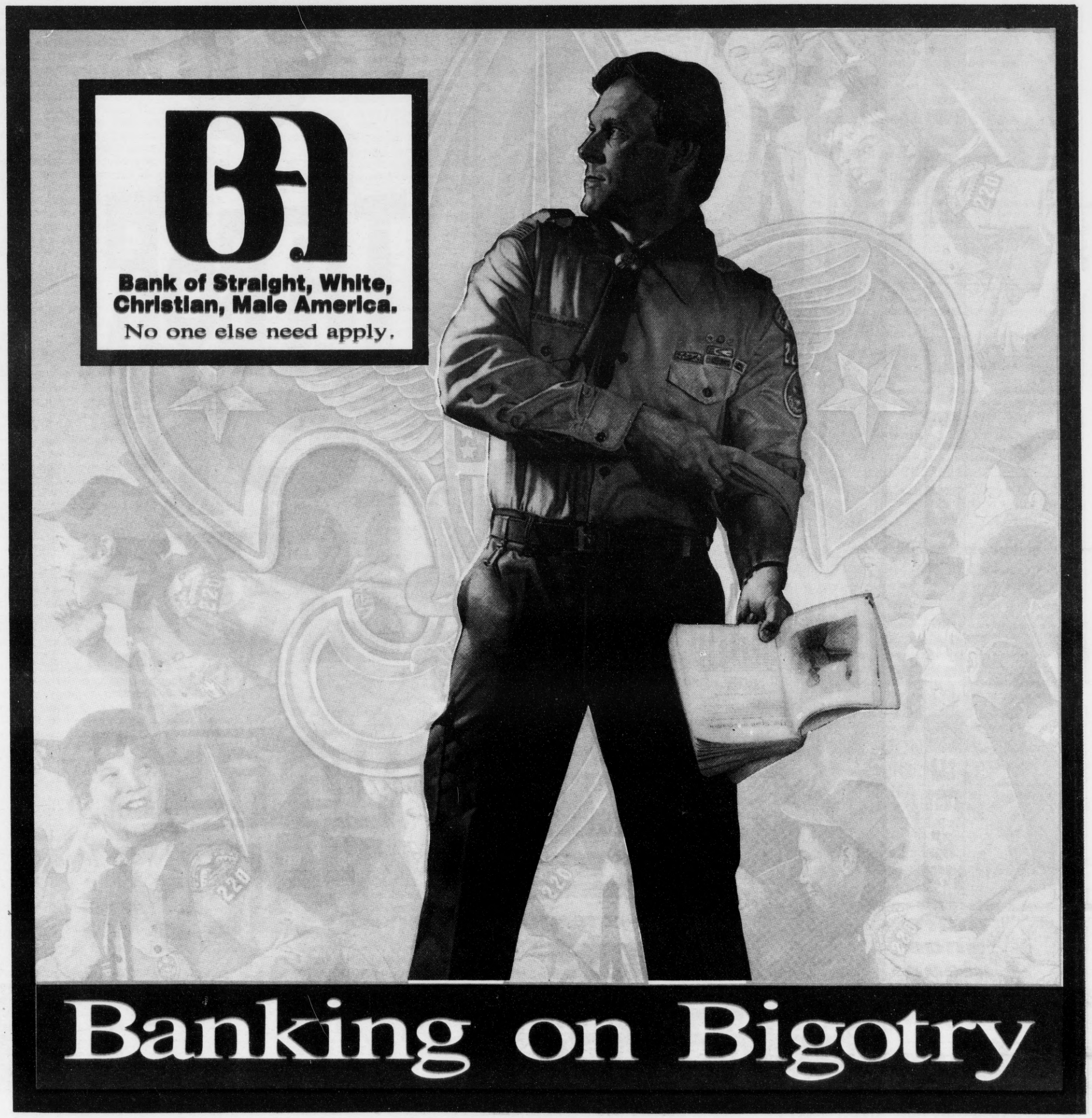

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And thank you for the Clinton/Gore endorsement!

Now, on to Houston with ACT UP/Golden Gate and Bush/Quayle. Or is it Baker/Kemp? Nevertheless... thank you, see you in Texas?

Sheldon Ramsdell
San Francisco

What a Lollapalooza!

Don Baird is a genius. His recent column ("Beat This," July 30) summed up all of my own mixed feelings about that Woodstock of the '90s wannabe we called Lollapalooza.

And yes, Don, you're right. The abdominal terrain exhibited by all of the fresh young meat was just about the best thing going for the whole damn shindig. The only thing I regret is not having as exciting a date as the notorious Miss Margret, celebrity felon. How nice to see a fag columnist in a gay paper write about a straight woman with a positive sexual image without patronizing, criticizing or "dishing" her. I wish I knew her. I wish I could borrow her lingerie. I hope the next time she reels through a slam pit it's my handprint on her ass she takes home as a trophy. Here's to both of them.

Dan Crumley
San Francisco

For Shame, Bill

The following letter was sent to Supervisor Bill Maher:

According to the newspapers, you have qualified a referendum for the November ballot that would repeal parts of the 1989 Sanctuary Law. You were quoted as saying: "We have a right to send them home; otherwise, all of Africa would move here and a bunch of Latin America and a chunk of Asia."

It is deplorable that in 1992 we have reached such a sad pass that elected officials openly voice their hatred of the homeless and other disfavored people while espousing homophobia, xenophobia and scapegoating. At a time when we should be coming together and assisting one another, you propose blaming, alienation, ethnic hatred and death. For shame, Bill.

John E. O'Brien
San Francisco

Human Rights Representation

The following letter was sent to Mayor Frank Jordan:

I have just reviewed your most recent appointments to various boards and commissions. I am very disappointed that for the first time since 1976, the Human Rights Commission will have no lesbian representation.

The HRC must deal each day with issues of great concern to the lesbian and gay community, including sexual harassment, discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, threats of violence and violence itself. It is wholly inappropriate to end lesbian representation on the HRC at a time when violence against both lesbians and gay men remains high, and when our community is being singled out for discrimination by the national Republican Party.

I urge you to reconsider your decision, and to appoint at least one lesbian to the commission. If you need assistance in locating a qualified lesbian who will serve San Francisco well, I will be happy to provide you with a list of several dozen from which you may choose.

Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg
San Francisco

Hopeful About Gay Republicans

Chris Bowman's comment, "Affirmative action is not a gay issue," deserved the ardent criticism in Thom Bean's recent article, "Inviting Shame and Repeating History" (*SF Bay Times*, July 30). However, I disagree with Thom Bean's attitude toward gay Republicans and would like to caution those who would belittle what our brothers endeavor to accomplish (as elitist and politically incorrect as it may seem).

The gay movement needs representation in the Republican Party if we're ever to change that party's stand on gay rights. Whoever it may be, let our presence be seen in the GOP and maybe, with patience and time, our voice as a movement will be properly heard and endorsed.

Let's all avoid the sort of sabotage Thom Bean expressed, especially when an effort may lead to something hopeful.

Maureen Halikis
San Francisco

Concerned About "Dog"

I was horrified and shaken by the personal ad in the "bisexual" section of your Aug. 13 issue under the heading "A Dyke and Her Dog." This sick woman sought other women to join her in mutilating and torturing her pet.

You claim to have "guidelines" for your personal ads. How can this possibly fall within them? How can a dog give its "consent" to be "cut and pierced," as this ad claims? This ad describes the sadistic torture of a powerless being.

One of you at *SF Bay Times* read this ad. Probably someone else entered it into the computer. Someone else proofread it. Didn't you have any qualms about what you were reading and participating in? What is the moral difference between you people and the policemen who allowed Jeffrey Dahmer to drag his victims away to be murdered? Is animal torture now an accepted sexual activity in our community? By publishing this ad and implicitly saying it falls within your guidelines, you are putting a stamp of approval on this horrible, sick behavior. What *are* your guidelines? Would you still have published the ad if the victim was a child instead of a dog?

I am distraught and outraged, first by this woman's horrendous cruelty, and second by your complicity with her. I can only pray that San Francisco Animal Control, which knows about the ad and is also horrified, tracks down this criminal and frees her poor victim.

Terry Baum
San Francisco

SF Bay Times *responds: The "dog" in question in this particular personal ad is, in fact, a human being. The activities described in the ad involve fantasy role-playing in a consensual S/M context among adult human beings, one of whom, for lack of a better word, is "dog-identified." Several staff members at the* SF Bay Times *are familiar with the advertisers in question and know for certain that the ad refers only to consenting adult humans and that no animal abuse is involved. It was our belief that the ad made this clear with statements such as "Dog is a fag perv pain-pig" and "We play safely and consensually."*

We apologize for any distress this misunderstanding may have caused.

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No Safe Haven

This letter is in response to the letter by Michael Ward regarding "offensive" greeting cards sold at Headlines ("The Eye of the Beholder," *SF Bay Times*, July 30). No doubt many lesbian readers were angered by Mr. Ward's letter. I address my letter to those individuals.

Should it come as any surprise to us that such cards exist in what we (wrongly) consider a safe haven, the Castro, a place with no substantial women's space? Is it really a surprise to read viewpoints such as Mr. Ward's, which fail to show any understanding of our status as a minority? If you are disturbed by such attitudes, I urge you to take appropriate action, not by boycotting Headlines (which should be allowed to sell any damn thing it wants), but instead by cutting off the flow of lesbian money to what are really male causes. When was the last time you were approached on Castro Street by someone collecting money to find a cure for breast cancer (the number-one killer of women in America)? What was the last dyke-owned store in which you spent money?

It is time for us to realize that our so-called "symbiotic" relationship with our gay brothers is not a two-way street. How many of us have been routinely treated rudely by gay male store clerks in the Castro? One need not live in this city long to realize the desperate state of lesbian affairs. We have no home. Noe Valley doesn't even give us a nod, as evidenced by our lack of visibility in the *Noe Valley Voice*, and by the shortage of lesbian-owned businesses on 24th Street. The Castro tolerates us, but make no mistake, there's no one there but men.

As for Mr. Ward, I would like to point out two things. First, comparing topless women to bottomless men is like comparing apples and oranges (or should that be peaches and bananas?). No women at the parade were bottomless. Wake up and smell the latte. Men can bare all but a few inches with no repercussions. Secondly, why mention that most of the topless women were "flabby and cellulite-ridden and shaking their saggy mammalia"? This may come as a shock, but we aren't here for your approval. And I'm sure you wouldn't want a diatribe on wrinkled, saggy, smelly, old testicles, would you?

Audrey Fischer
San Francisco

Realities of Child Sexuality

This is in response to Al Kielwasser's letter about lack of support for lesbian/gay youth from the State Board of Education ("Invisibility: A Textbook Example," *SF Bay Times*, Aug. 13). I have two things to say.

First, if you still need convincing that a person can be perfectly healthy, homosexual *and* a partner in an illegal, intergenerational relationship, I must remind you that the best damned gay politician this country has ever seen, Harvey Milk, was attracted to "youths" under 24 (even as a politician in his 50s), had a 16-year-old boyfriend, and learned about the beauty of gay sex from gay men in the back of the New York Metropolitan Opera House when he was 12, returning as often as he could for several years and never regretting a single minute of it.

Second, until lesbians and gays stop evading inconvenient facts like this, and pretending that including gay teens in the sex ed curricula won't increase their sexual activity with people of all ages, you will be playing into the hands of the sexphobes you oppose. When you echo these sexphobic denials and falsehoods, it only serves to strengthen their position. These people need to be confronted not just as homophobes, but as harshly ageist sexphobes.

There is a large, growing body of unimpeachable evidence of non-harmful, child-adult sexual relationships. Confirmation that children can and do enjoy sex abounds in the academic literature, and I have sent research papers on this topic, which include data on 2,584 children, reported on by five respected therapists, to all three of the local gay papers, to arm them in the event they choose to address this topic head-on. To continue to ignore the realities of child sexuality is to condemn young lesbians and gays to an experience of isolation that no one should have to endure, and which many do not survive.

It is not possible for young people to speak for themselves on this subject, without fear of being abandoned by their families, incarcerated in mental wards or, at the very least, being treated like outcasts. Please, if not for their sake, then for your own, get the facts straight on this issue. Don't take bad experiences as proof that good ones are not possible. To get a balanced view of the subject, check out books like Daniel Tsang's *The Age Taboo* and *One Teenager in Ten*. Then, the next time the subject comes up, you'll have something to say beyond a simple, counter-productive denial.

Vic Tim
San Francisco

Misuse of Queer Terminology

The following letter was sent to Dave Ford, in response to his "Write Stuff" column:

The Vatican letter is actually far more insidious, discriminatory and prejudiced than simply opposing affirmative action and domestic partnerships for *queers*, as you stated. In fact, the policy letter regards *homosexuals* as not due certain rights. A person might be queer, or queer-friendly, but as long as you are not homosexual you can be granted all the same rights as heterosexuals, in the eyes of the Catholic Church. My queer friends—straight, gay and bisexual alike—all agree: such discrimination against gays is wrong.

Dave, I've written a cavalier, grade-school-primer reaction above to the continuing misappropriation of queerness to gayness, as you did in that part of your column on the Vatican letter. Granted, you did not make the mistake anywhere else. Concerning the AIDS conference, BSA or the Navy, you kept your/our self-referential "queerness" separate from institutional policy against homosexual acts. But I'm tired of the misuse of queer terminology intended for pansexual, pangender inclusion, being used to usurp gay or homosexual rights issues, when those homosexual rights concerns often don't even overlap or attach themselves to queer concerns. Or they deserve the full-range definition of a class of people defined as "homosexual." Certainly, domestic partnerships and civil marriages between same-sex

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Banking on Bigotry

Bank of America's homophobic move to re-fund the Boy Scouts ignites boycott from gays and lesbians.

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg wants to know what kind of banking the City does with Bank of America.

Achtenberg, along with many other leaders in the gay/lesbian/bisexual community of San Francisco, is upset over the recent decision by the second largest bank in the country to once again fund the Boy Scouts, an organization that has a stated policy against gay/bisexual participation. This decision comes only two months after the bank, along with Wells Fargo and Levi Strauss, declared that it would no longer give grants to the scouting organization because of its stated exclusionary policy against gay men.

At the Aug. 24 Board of Supervisors meeting, Achtenberg requested that the city treasurer prepare a "comprehensive report" on the city's current banking activity with BofA and the method by which funds can be transferred to another institution. The report is due in two weeks, the day after Labor Day, to be exact.

Achtenberg aide Alex Clemens says that the out lesbian supervisor is "not doing anything beyond that at the moment."

Others are, though.

Queer Scouts, a Queer Nation focus group, plans to demonstrate on Saturday, Aug. 29 at noon outside the BofA branch at Castro and Market streets. Queer Scouts founder John Woods says that a number of queers will pull their money out of the bank at that time. Already, says Woods, the bank has lost at least one big account of $45,000 because of its decision to fund the Scouts. Queer Scouts is not revealing whose account it was.

Queer Scouts is officially calling for a boycott of BofA. In fact, if the bank doesn't reverse its decision, the group wants it to take its branches and ATMs out of the Castro and the Polk Street area.

The controversy over corporate funding for the Scouts is not confined to San Francisco. At the recent Republican Party Convention, a plank was drafted criticizing BofA, Wells Fargo and Levi Strauss for what it described as "undermining family values" by defunding the Scouts.

In Washington, Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.) wrote the clothing giant Levi Strauss to express his anger at the company's nixing of Scout funds, saying that it could "kill Scouting in America."

And in Sacramento, Assemblymember Gil Ferguson (R-Newport Beach) was unsuccessful in his attempt to grant legislative sanction and privilege to the Boy Scouts of America's anti-gay policy by labeling it a private volunteer organization, something even the courts haven't done yet.

WE LOVE CAMP

The controversy over the Scouts began in the Bay Area 12 years ago, when young Eagle Scout Tim Curran applied to be a scoutmaster in the Mt. Diablo Council and was rejected because he took his male lover to his high school prom, a fact that was reported in the Oakland *Tribune*. Curran filed suit. Many years later, in May 1991, a judge in Los Angeles ruled that the Scouts had the right to discriminate against gay men. That ruling is under appeal.

In July 1991, Queer Scouts, with its slogan "We love camp," held its first demo in front of the Boy Scout office in downtown San Francisco. That same month, the United Way of the Bay Area suspended its supplemental grant to the Mt. Diablo Council because of the organization's discriminatory policy against gay men.

In February 1992, United Way gave the Scouts 45 days to comply with its non-discrimination policy, which includes sexual orientation as a protected category. The Scouts refused and were cut off from one million dollars in annual funding.

A few months later, Levi Strauss, Wells Fargo and BofA, all headquartered in San Francisco, announced they would not give any more grants to the Boy Scouts.

SCOUTS NOW INCLUSIVE?

On June 2, BofA spokesperson Russ Yarrow was quoted in the SF *Chronicle* in reference to his company's ban on the Scouts: "The Boy Scouts have an exclusive policy that bars gay Scouts and gay troop leaders. The Bank of America has a policy that says we will not discriminate based on race, religion and sexual orientation."

Now, BofA claims that the Boy Scouts don't have an exclusionary policy. What a difference two months—and apparently a lot of right-wing pressure—makes. BofA spokesperson Peter Magnani says the bank has met with Boy Scout representatives and has been assured that the organization is open to all boys who subscribe to its oath and law, which includes being "morally straight."

"We had considered them ineligible based on the understanding that they are not open to all boys," says Magnani. "We asked them to clarify their position."

BofA, says Magnani, is now convinced that the Scouts welcomes all boys. Asked if the bank, which gave the Scouts $18,000 in 1992, inquired specifically whether that welcome included gays, Magnani stated, "I have no further comment."

He also had no comment on the Queer Scouts demonstration on Aug. 29, or the claim that at least one large account has been pulled from the bank. Magnani says that whenever there is controversy over some policy of the bank, people pull accounts.

Asked about company criteria for its grants, Magnani said that a nonprofit group "must provide full access and equal opportunity to all members of the class the organization serves."

As for the rejection of gay men as scoutmasters, Magnani said, "Our issue is with membership."

But while Magnani is not admitting that public pressure influenced the reversal, David Sayre, a spokesperson for a Seattle branch, told AP that "customer response" did indeed figure in the decision.

THE HAND OF FUNDIES?

While bank officials may be cautious in connecting public pressure to the decision, the Rev. Lou Sheldon is not. The leader of the virulently anti-gay Traditional Values Coalition claims that his group and other conservatives forced the hand of BofA.

This pressure included Christian fundamentalists who demonstrated outside both BofA and Wells Fargo, and Stockton developer Bob French, who withdrew $1 million he had in a BofA account.

Sheldon told the Associated Press (AP), "There's never been an issue if a younger person came into the Scouts with gender identity conflicts. The issue has been a scoutmaster who is a role model. A Scout is seeking to develop his character. There's where the difference lies."

The Boy Scouts of America, meanwhile, has not changed its mind about homosexuality; it's still considered incompatible with scouting.

National Boy Scouts spokesperson Blake Lewis told AP on the day after the BofA decision that it's business as usual. "We have not changed our policy in any way," he says. "Anyone who comes out and says ... they are homosexuals are saying they are not able to live in concert with the Scout Oath."

WELLS FARGO: NO REVERSAL

Despite rumors to the contrary, Wells Fargo is not rescinding its decision to nix funding for the Boy Scouts. Says spokesperson Lorna Doubet, "A rumor. That's exactly how I'd characterize it. We're not contributing to [the Scouts]."

Asked if there was any discussion on the corporate level about rescinding the policy, Doubet said, "We're not going into detail. Our position is that we're standing by our policy."

Levi Strauss is remaining steadfast, too. Says Communications Manager Mary Gross, "The company will stick behind our nondiscrimination policy." Asked whether Levi Strauss has considered rescinding its ban on Scouts funding, Gross said, "As long as a conflict exists between the Boy Scouts of America policy and those required by our guidelines, funding will not continue."

Levi Strauss guidelines call for no discrimination on the basis of the usual categories, including sexual orientation. As for charges by SF *Chronicle* columnist Bill Mandel that the company has copped out by not being willing to write the Scouts to call them on the carpet for their policy, Gross says, "We're a denim company, we're not an agent for social change. In taking the chance we took, we hopefully serve as a model."

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

The announcement by BofA that it had rescinded its policy against the Scouts was met with swift reaction from the queer community of San Francisco.

Supervisors Carole Migden, Roberta Achtenberg and Harry Britt issued a joint statement within hours of the news, decrying the decision and expressing their hopes for continued discussions with the bank to effect a reversal of the decision.

Said Migden, "It is a shame that the bank was brought to its knees by the bigotry of religious fundamentalism."

Also within no time at all, Queer Scouts was out in the Castro with flyers urging a boycott of the bank. The group organized a press conference on the steps of City Hall five days later to announce its plans to protest the new policy at BofA.

Joining Queer Scouts at the press conference were representatives of Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and the Harvey Milk Progressive Democratic Club.

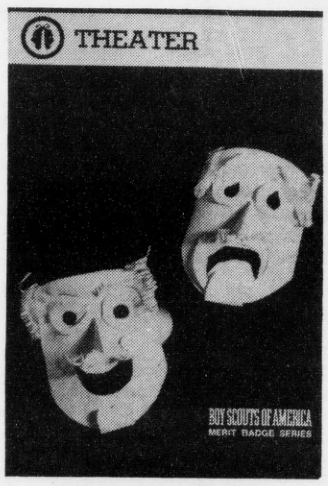
Peter Altman of the Democratic Club promised that the BofA decision will feature prominently in his group's questioning of candidates. "I'm sick and tired of feeling betrayed by straight America," he said. He also called on everyone "from the mayor on down" to stop doing business with BofA.

Also advocating a boycott of BofA, GLAAD's Al Kielwasser said that the bank is "funding suicide, child abuse and hatred" by giving money to an organization that is blatantly homophobic.

"We can thank the Boy Scouts of America for pushing gay children a little further toward suicide," he said. "And, now, we can thank Bank of America for offering to help pick up the tab."

Queer Scouts' Woods said that his group demands BofA give "more than lip service" to its non-discrimination policy, and if not, leave the Castro and Polk Street areas along with its newly acquired Security Pacific branches. In fact, the group wants BofA to "leave San Francisco and move to Salt Lake City where its lack of ethics and values are more representative of the community there."

And just what are they teaching these straight, young & impressionable scouts anyway, Mr. Magnani?



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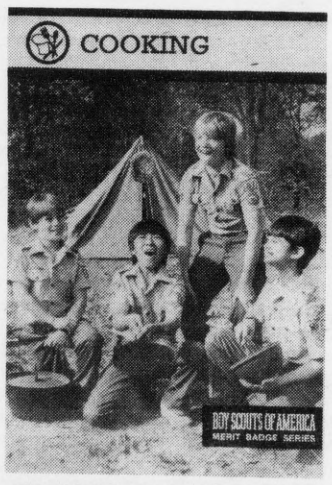

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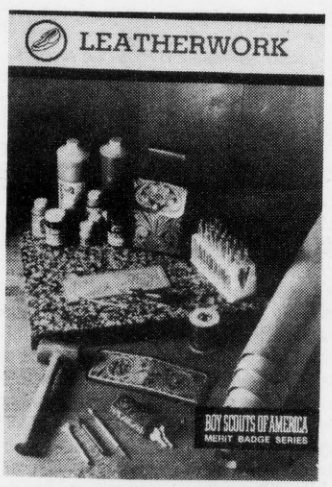

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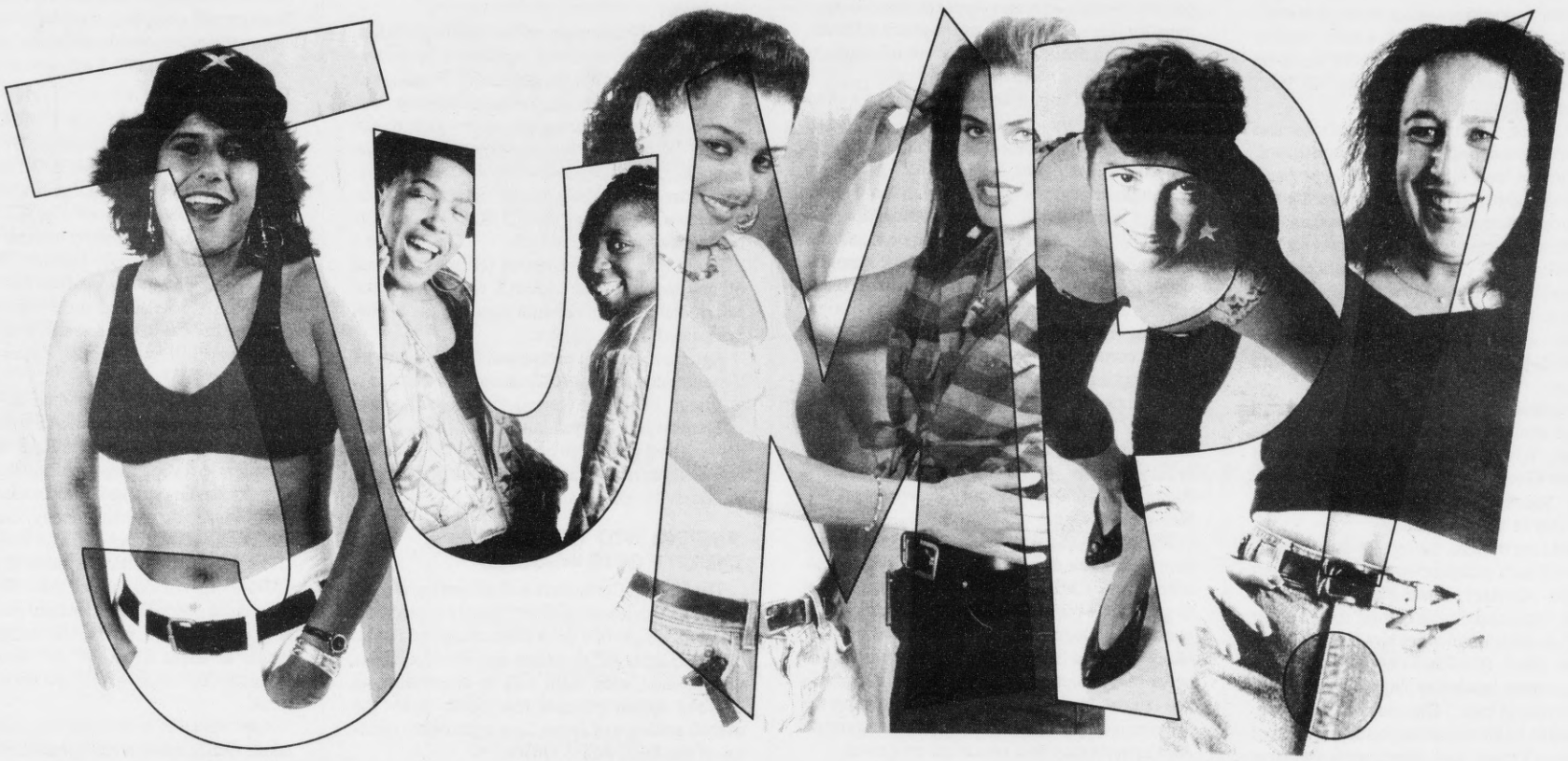

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LATINO AIDS AGENCY IN BATTLE FOR ITS FUTURE

BY TIM KINGSTON

War has officially broken out at the only gay, lesbian and bisexual Latino AIDS service agency in town.

Comunidad Unida en Respuesta al SIDA (Community United in Response to AIDS) is the epicenter of a three-way battle. The conflict pits the current leadership—Executive Director Rosamaria Zayas and Board Chair Shelley Fernandez—against at least five ex-staff members and an external group calling itself the "CURAS Rescue Committee."

Amidst a fog of rumors, accusations and counter-accusations, battle lines have been drawn. All three groups have hired attorneys in preparation for a legal showdown. The primary dispute revolves around accusations from ex-staff and the CURAS Rescue Committee that Zayas, backed by Fernandez, is a divisive and authoritarian leader. The Rescue Committee also alleges that CURAS is no longer serving the population it was created to serve: gay and bisexual men. Rosamaria Zayas rejects both accusations with equal vigor.

While rumblings of impending conflict have surrounded the year-and-a-half-old agency for some time, it was Zayas' July 7 firing of Christopher Gortner—founder of *Impacto*, the agency's Spanish-language HIV-treatment bulletin—that lit the powderkeg.

In the last four months, the agency has lost four of its 11 paid staff members to terminations and resignations—Gortner, Bruce Fletcher and Luis Goni were fired, and Guille Quiroz resigned. In addition, two other employees have left CURAS in the past year. (CURAS has a four-person management team headed by Zayas. There are 15 paid employees in total.) One former employee, who refused to be identified for this article, noted, "[If] you don't agree with whatever Rosamaria says, you are out—harassed out, or she fires you!"

Critics who have left CURAS say the agency's problems are due to Zayas' management techniques, which they allege include retaliatory harassment and firings. One ex-employee, who also refused to be named, and who is now considering legal action against the agency, says, "The core staff are all extremely upset and are frightened about their jobs. The community and staff want [Zayas] out and want her to resign. She has stated that they will have to pull her out kicking and screaming."

But, due partly to the surfeit of lawyers, few of those directly involved are willing to speak on the record. Also, Zayas' alleged reputation for retaliation appears to have muted other individuals who might have spoken. In addition, staff at other people-of-color agencies were reluctant to comment for fear of disrupting inter-agency relations, while others declined comment out of solidarity with CURAS.

The Rescue Committee's critique is more wide-ranging than the ex-employees'. The prime movers in the committee, Juan Pablo Gutierrez and Marcos Rodriguez, have filed a 27-point letter of complaint and two petitions with the Department of Public Health. They are demanding that Zayas be fired and a full organizational audit be implemented. At the very least, the committee wants Zayas and Fernandez to step down if and when a Department of Public Health investigation begins.

The committee accuses Zayas of everything from shifting the agency's focus away from gay and bisexual Latino men to the improper and incorrect "outing" disclosures of clients' HIV status. They allege Zayas "outed" Rodrigo Reyes as HIV-positive last year, and this year identified Ricardo Newball as HIV-positive when he is not. Newball is suing.

The committee also charges that Board President Fernandez manipulated the personnel committee of the CURAS board in a successful effort to get Zayas hired as director. In addition, the committee alleges that Zayas and Fernandez are members of the Santeria religion— recently in the news in connection with Supervisor Migden's anti-animal-sacrifice ordinance—asserting that the religion is inappropriately linked to the agency's AIDS prevention and education programs.

While not all the ex-staff members of CURAS agree with all the committee's complaints—particularly on the allegation of religious interference in the agency—many concur with former interim Executive Director Annaberta Campa's assessment of Shelley Fernandez and Rosamaria Zayas: "They act and deal with the agency matters as if it were their family in their house....If Fernandez and Zayas made a call to their conscience and left the organization, all the problems would be resolved."

"No comment," replied Zayas to Campa's critique. "Not that I could not say a lot, but my mother raised me right." Zayas flatly denied any involvement with the Santeria religion and stressed that she could not discuss any personnel issues related to firings or internal disputes, because that would violate the agency's by-laws regarding confidentiality.

Zayas' only comment on the Rescue Committee: "In order to be saved, you have to be drowning. I *know* that is not the situation." When asked about the committee's recommendation that Zayas step down during any investigation, she stated, "They do not have the power to make that request." Zayas added that any discussion of the committee or Newball's suit is "currently an issue of the law," implying that CURAS is considering legal action against both.

Board President Fernandez refused comment on any aspect of the CURAS controversy and referred all calls to Valentin Aguirre, the board-designated media contact.

Aguirre responded to dissenters' criticisms with a counterattack: "CURAS recognizes that this is a smear campaign based on sexism, anti-lesbianism and anti-feminism. And [it] is a non-professional campaign based on the cannibalization of leadership...and serves as a mockery of discourse in our community."

JUMPING INTO THE FLAMES, THE CITY GETS INVOLVED

The Rescue Committee will be getting at least part of their wish list fulfilled in early September. The full weight of a joint Department of Public Health (DPH) AIDS Office and Human Rights Commission audit team will be descending on CURAS within the next few weeks under the overall guidance of James Loyce, associate director of the DPH AIDS Office.

Dr. Sandra Hernandez, director of the AIDS Office, says, "We are going to go in and do an administrative, financial and contract monitoring audit." She anticipates that the audit will be completed in late September. Dr. Hernandez also told *SF Bay Times* that the audit "had been scheduled prior to any of these allegations that have developed."

One source at the AIDS Office says that the audit is a continuation of ongoing monitoring of CURAS by the DPH, initiated late last year. The DPH AIDS Office has the option to defund CURAS on 30 days notice, but the source says, "We try to put the agency back on track, not shut it down."

According to the AIDS Office, the audit will focus on questions raised by staff, ex-staff and the Rescue Committee. It will scrutinize hiring and firing procedures, client confidentiality issues, appropriate professional boundaries, verification of qualifications and client services evaluations.

THE HISTORY

This is not the first time CURAS has come under intensive scrutiny from the DPH AIDS Office. Loyce says that the AIDS Office made a site visit in late 1991 and found problems in accounting and business practices. The AIDS Office intervention was prompted by internal feuds on the board of directors, and between the staff and board, going on throughout the fall of 1991. By that time, CURAS had gone through four executive directors in two months, a national record in the nonprofit AIDS world. Zayas was hired in December 1991.

The controversy surrounding the agency last year came shortly after CURAS received its first AIDS Office funding. (CURAS had been in operation as a volunteer organization since 1987.) The city funding sparked a raucous internal debate about what to do with the money. Guille Quiroz, one of the staff members who resigned, says, "The board of directors started saying that CURAS should do this or that. There was no agreement where CURAS should go. It turned into a power trip." (CURAS' budget currently stands at about $500,000 for direct services, psychosocial services and education/prevention work.)

After the DPH's 1991 site visit, Loyce says the AIDS Office made a recommendation not to refund CURAS. But the San Francisco Health Commission, which oversees the DPH, voted to give CURAS time to reorganize and reform itself—with technical assistance from the AIDS Office. CURAS succeeded in meeting the organizational goals set by the Health Commission this February. Many of those contacted credit Zayas with initially getting the agency back on its feet and out of fiscal probation.

Yet despite the progress, Loyce still saw a need for external review, saying, "We felt very strongly that we should come back and do a subsequent monitoring and audit in six months."

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FAMILIA FIREWORKS AND PERSECUTED EMPLOYEES?

The issue of Zayas' management style appears again and again in the complaints of ex-employees who have resigned or were fired—a core issue from which many other disputes allegedly evolved. According to one former employee, who also refuses to be identified, and who worked with Zayas last year before she was made executive director: "The only thing I saw was, she really knows how to manipulate. She uses people's emotions; she uses her display of emotions to affect others."

An employee who recently left the agency concurs with that evaluation, but refused to do so on the record. "She manipulates, and promises to do things...but then she does not follow through." Several critics of Zayas also charge she has an explosive temper that led to the on-the-spot firing of Gortner. Gortner declined comment on the record.

Zayas flatly denies the allegations that her management style is emotionally exploitive or that she personalizes professional issues.

Responding to criticism that she is a disruptive influence at CURAS, Zayas says, "If disruptive means I have an opinion or that I am passionate about this disease," then she pleads guilty. "I don't think disruption is always a bad thing. ACT UP has been very disruptive and powerful and forceful in getting people to open their eyes to issues they would rather close their eyes to."

Others disagree with Zayas' assessment of herself. A series of complaints and letters from current and ex-employees sent to the DPH AIDS Office and the Human Rights Commission allege she plays an instrumental role in the difficulties now facing the agency. A July 28 letter to Loyce from Jaime Vega, currently an employee at CURAS, alleges Zayas tried to pressure him into signing over his home to the agency when he was in the hospital with a severe opportunistic infection related to a life-threatening disease.

Both Vega and Zayas declined to comment on the letter.

Another incident involves Luis Goni, who was fired in May. Goni says he was fired from CURAS for complaining—along with Quiroz—about what they felt were lapses in the management of the outreach component of CURAS by Diane Felix, the prevention education coordinator. Both outreach workers, among others, allege that Felix was an inefficient manager, did not keep on top of supplying the agency with safe-sex supplies and brochures, and was not reliable about showing up to outreach events. When Goni and Quiroz went to Zayas to voice their concerns, Goni says, "We were told it was not our place to talk about that. I don't have anything bad to say about Rosamaria Zayas, but I was surprised that she did not pay any attention to what I had to say."

Goni says he finally confronted Felix in mid-May; he says he was immediately fired for insubordination.

A related issue and problem is that CURAS continued to receive money for Goni's salary from its fiscal agent, Hispanic Headquarters, for at least two weeks after Goni was fired. Guille Quiroz, who informed Hispanic Headquarters that Goni was no longer with CURAS, says she was targeted for harassment by Felix, after Quiroz contacted Hispanic Headquarters.

Hispanic Headquarters confirms CURAS was receiving money for Goni's salary after he was fired. They also confirm the overpayments were discovered when Quiroz called Hispanic Headquarters.

Felix was not available for comment. Zayas did not comment on either Goni or Quiroz's allegations, once more citing personnel-policy confidentiality.

While Zayas declined comment, CURAS' bookkeeper, Alicia Maddocks, told *SF Bay Times* that the ongoing payment was the result of a mix-up. "I was told to issue a check. But since [Goni] was going to grievance procedure, I had to invoice Hispanic Headquarters. I billed the whole month [of May] thinking that I would have to pay Luis two weeks' severance pay." But, at that point, Goni was still on employee probation. No severance pay or notice was required for termination, so CURAS got two extra weeks grant money from its fiscal agent.

Another allegation by three ex-staff members, who do not wish to be named, consists of the charge that once an individual leaves the agency, they are persona non grata, and that other employees are instructed not to meet, discuss or talk with ex-employees. "That is not possible," says Zayas, denying the allegation. "I have no control over the children that came from my womb, let alone workers!"

ANGRY "RESCUERS"

A lot of history goes into the dispute between the Rescue Committee and CURAS. Most of the players have been around the Latino AIDS community for years. Many health service workers, particularly in the Latino AIDS community, who were contacted by *SF Bay Times*, suggest the dispute has as much to do with the personal agendas of Rosamaria Zayas, Shelley Fernandez, Marta Ashley and the founders of the Rescue Committee, as it does with public explanations of the crises.

Juan Pablo Gutierrez and Marcos Rodriguez of the committee claim to be co-founders of CURAS, while Zayas and the majority of others contacted in the Latino Community argue that Rodrigo Reyes, who recently died of AIDS, is the sole founder of the agency. The history is important because of the legacy that can be claimed: Whoever controls the legacy and history of CURAS can politically determine what vision guides the agency's future direction.

Juan Pablo Gutierrez charges that in the effort to serve the greater Latino community, including women and children, CURAS is leaving out those most affected—gay and bisexual Latino men. "In the Latino community, 86 percent of the AIDS cases are homosexual and bisexual men, and to this day [CURAS] has not focused its work on that group." The committee's open letter to the community also alleges that Zayas is biased against gay men, a charge backed by at least one of the fired staff.

The allegations of homophobia are flatly rejected by Zayas—and disputed by former staff of the agency. Zayas says the staff is now predominately male, adding, "I have hired five people since I have been here and they are all gay Latino men." She also points out that whatever the committee alleges, in actuality, "98.5 percent of the caseload are gay and bisexual men." Valentin Aguirre says the board is aware of the lack of gay or bisexual Latino men in the leadership of CURAS and will be trying to increase their numbers at the agency.

Despite the intense level of invective and anger surrounding the conflict within CURAS, virtually all the parties involved believe that the agency deserves to be saved. Guille Quiroz, who angrily resigned from the agency on July 20, stresses CURAS is crucial for the Latino community. "It is the only community project that is specifically for HIV-positive lesbians and gay Latinos...Our main population is undocumented and monolingual—that is why [CURAS] is a big deal in the Latino community."

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Wobblies vs. End-Up: AB101 at Home?

by ***Tommi Avicolli Mecca***

For Deke Nihilson, it's a simple matter of bringing gay rights home.

A former employee at the End-Up, a bar at Sixth and Harrison in San Francisco that features the popular queer clubs Dekadence, G-Spot and Uranus, Nihilson feels he and another ex-worker, Dust McGowan, were fired for trying to unionize its maintenance workers.

Nihilson and McGowan both believe the South of Market establishment needs a union like the International Workers of the World (IWW), whose members are known as Wobblies. IWW, which first organized in 1905 and whose national headquarters are now located in San Francisco, runs on the principle that workers should decide what's best for them.

The two, along with supporters, have been recently picketing outside the bar, handing out literature and trying to explain to patrons just what their grievance is against an establishment that's been a mainstay of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community for 19 years. Their action will culminate in a major press conference/demo at the End-Up at noon on Sept. 1.

They go to that press conference with the full support of the Teamsters Joint Council #7. According to Joint Council President Chuck Mack, drivers are being urged not to make liquor and soft drink deliveries to the establishment. "Most of our workers are well enough informed," says Mack, "that when they see a picket line, they don't cross it."

The bar is still receiving deliveries, though. But thus far, there's been only one incident: Three protesters were cited for "obstructing a public sidewalk" when they were "kind of in the way" of a non-Teamster delivery truck, says Wobblie Jess Grant.

It's all part of an effort to force the End-Up to sign a labor contract to rectify what Nihilson and McGowan see as major problems at the establishment. According to Nihilson and McGowan, this contract would include a policy of due process for the firing of workers: verbal, written warnings; suspension; termination. This is in response to what McGowan describes as "a long history of random firings."

But Douglass Whitmore, the general manager for the End-Up, says that he is not opposed to his workers unionizing. He claims that Nihilson and McGowan were fired because their work was not up to par, not because of their union involvement. He says that even with a union contract in place, Nihilson and McGowan would still be terminated from employment at the bar.

Both sides agree, however, that the trouble began a short time ago when a managing supervisor was appointed to oversee the maintenance crew.

SUPERVISOR APPOINTED

The maintenance crew, in a nutshell, is responsible for cleaning up the bar after the party's over. They do the nitty-gritty work: scrubbing toilets, mopping floors, washing the mirrors and emptying the garbage cans.

Everything was running smoothly, according to Nihilson and McGowan: The maintenance crew decided their own hours collectively and worked out among themselves who was going to do what tasks. Then management (Whitmore) selected one of the maintenance crew to be managing supervisor, thus nixing the collective decision-making process.

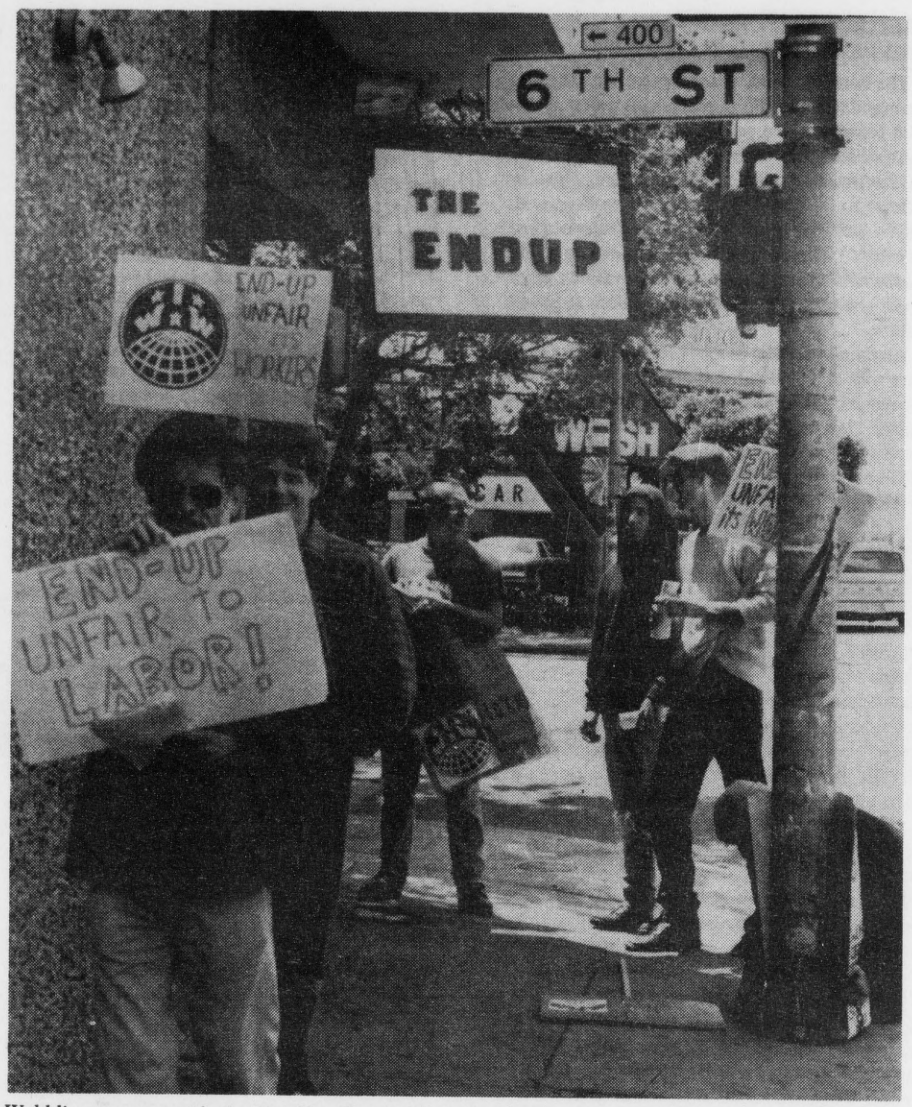
Whitmore's rationale was simple, he says. Things were not running as smoothly as Nihilson and McGowan claim. The collective process left a lot to be desired in terms of the work getting done properly and efficiently.

But Nihilson and McGowan say the new supervisor did not make things run smoother; in fact, they feel that he ruined a good thing.

"From the beginning we had a hard time getting an answer about whether we were working the next day," says Nihilson. The supervisor "was doing less and less of the labor and more and more of self-chosen sidelines."

This supervisor, says Nihilson, "wouldn't communicate with the workers." The workers, he says, "weren't able to effectively perform their jobs, because we didn't know of changes" that were made.

One example they cite is that the delivery day for liquor was suddenly changed from Thursday to Wednesday without letting the maintenance crew know. They say that the maintenance peo-



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"These are the kinds of problems we hoped to resolve by presenting a contract," Nihilson says. "We asked that they take a look at this, talk to us about this. We're open to negotiation." But he claims he was fired a day after presenting the proposed contract to Whitmore.

Nihilson, who started working at the End-Up in the early fall of 1991, joined the IWW about a year ago. "I started working at the End-Up a month after I joined the union," he says.

McGowan began working at the bar just a few months ago. He says he was fired two days after Nihilson was terminated and only a day after the supervisor told him his work was satisfactory.

According to Nihilson, a total of three people have been fired and two suspended, without just cause. The two suspensions occurred after the contract was presented, he says. The third person fired was Jay Hankey.

Nihilson and McGowan have two demands to make of the End-Up: rehire all of those fired or suspended, and become an IWW union shop.

AIDS ISSUE?

Hankey says he was let go after the new manager came aboard because his HIV status required that he not clean the bathrooms.

Hankey, who is HIV-positive but does not have AIDS, was advised by his doctor not to clean the bathrooms for fear of his "catching something." His T-cell count was dropping and "the doctor suggested I stay away from anything funky," he says.

Before the supervisor was appointed, Hankey says, there was plenty of other work for him to do. But after his appointment, Hankey claims he was no longer called in. Finally, he ran into the supervisor one day in the bank and was told his "work doesn't meet the standards."

Hankey was not a Wobblie during his employment at the End-Up; he joined the union three to four weeks ago. Now he pickets with Nihilson and McGowan.

WHITMORE'S RETORT

Whitmore feels that the collective structure among the maintenance workers was not working. "Each individual lacked the quality to be his own boss," says Whitmore.

As for the firings, Nihilson and McGowan's work began going downhill after the new supervisor was appointed.

In reference to Nihilson, "We decided to fire him two weeks prior" to his presentation of the union contract, Whitmore says. "His job performance fell off."

Nihilson was also fired for "insubordination, though I wouldn't use that word." Nihilson presented the contract "three minutes prior to his firing."

McGowan was canned because his work "started falling off along with Deke's."

"His [McGowan's] attitude was fine, but he had an inability to be his own boss," Whitmore says. "It's not a problem of insubordination [with McGowan]."

As for Hankey, Whitmore claims he was never an employee of the bar; he was on call. "He was a temporary person, he was nothing but part-time," he says. "He was a friend of a friend of a friend. He came in now and then. He was never fired."

Whitmore says Hankey was not called in again because he couldn't be around infectious materials and could not do much of the work that had to be done. He puts it simply: "If you're hired to paint and you're allergic to paint, then you can't be a painter."

According to Whitmore's account, Nihilson and McGowan are the only two maintenance workers he's fired in the year he's been manager. As for the delivery day being changed, "the maintenance crew has nothing to do with deliveries. If they are there at the specific time, they're asked to help."

NO PROBLEM WITH UNION

Whitmore says he is not opposed to employees at the End-Up unionizing. "I have never been, and I am not now, opposed to the union," he says. "The employees are more than welcome to join the union." But he doesn't believe the maintenance employees currently want a union.

"I wouldn't fire them for it; there won't be any repercussions" if employees want a union, Whitmore says. But the other demand of the picket line—the re-hiring of Nihilson and McGowan—is out of the question.

In fact, Nihilson and McGowan's firings and the unionization of the bar are separate issues, Whitmore says. He feels that even with the union procedures for firing in place, both men would have been axed.

And, not surprisingly, Whitmore feels his managing supervisor is "doing a fantastic job."

Whitmore claims he had no knowledge of attempts to unionize prior to Nihilson presenting the contract on the day he was fired. "I had no knowledge whatsoever of the union, of union demands or suggestions. The word union was never mentioned," he says.

Whitmore says that the pickets outside the bar are the result of a "primarily personal vendetta that Deke [Nihilson] has for me for firing him." But now, Whitmore feels Nihilson's cause is "beginning to be a laughing matter."

"The employees as well as the customers are laughing at them," Whitmore says. "It hasn't hurt business, but that's not the issue. It's irritated our customers."

AB101 STARTS AT HOME?

For Nihilson and McGowan, their problems at the End-Up have serious ramifications for the lesbian/gay/bisexual community in San Francisco.

"The way I see it," says Nihilson, "our community is justifiably outraged when we're not assured our basic housing or employment rights from the straight community. But we can't [even] expect it from our own community."

AB101, the California gay rights bill vetoed last September by Gov. Pete Wilson, "starts at home," says Nihilson. It's becoming a slogan for his and McGowan's campaign for unionization of the End-Up.

McGowan echoes Nihilson's words. "We gotta start in our own house, if we're going to do AB101 out there. If the idea of pride and self-respect, the mainstay of the June celebration, is to be taken as anything but media hype, this is the place I got to start."

He feels that queers should help with the unionization effort by organizing in their own workplaces and talking to the management of the End-Up.

"We're simply trying a new tool for a very old problem for workers in the gay community in San Francisco," says Nihilson, "the arbitrary and totalitarian use of power by management."

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Queers to Philip Morris: Drop Dead

SAN FRANCISCO - Lesbian and gay health activists are denouncing Philip Morris' plan to market Benson & Hedges Special Kings in the gay community, as reported by the *Wall Street Journal*.

"This is a community already ravaged by addiction," says Hal Offen, president of the Coalition of Lavender-Americans on Smoking & Health (CLASH). "We don't need the Marlboro Man to help pull the trigger." According to CLASH stats garnered from the City and the California Department of Health Services, queers in San Francisco smoke at a 61 percent higher rate than adults as a whole. Cigarette industry stats show that among gay men, Benson & Hedges is the second most popular brand, versus Winston in the "general population."

A few years ago, RJR Nabisco tried to market cigarettes to Blacks and blue-collar women but were forced to abandon the efforts after public outcries.

The Benson & Hedges ad will appear in *Genre*, an upscale glossy magazine for gay men. It's the first cigarette ad in a gay or lesbian publication. A Philip Morris spokesperson scoffs at the idea that gay men are being targeted: "The only reason we're in this publication is because it reaches young adult males, aspirational, with higher-than-average income." Stay tuned.

AIDS Activists Arrested At GOP Confab

HOUSTON - The 12 AIDS activists arrested at the Republican National Convention during two separate actions are charging mistreatment at the hands of police, including strip searches, constant harassment and the denial of medication.

Seven of the 12 were arrested after demonstrators were attacked by Christian Action Network audience members when they disrupted an address by the Rev. Jerry Falwell of Moral Majority fame.

"We are appalled by the treatment of AIDS activists by the Houston Police Department," said Josh Wells, an ACT UP member. "The police have been extremely uncooperative at every step of the arrest and bonding process."

Gays Continue to Be Killed In Mexico

CHIAPAS - A 22-year-old activist joined the ranks of gay men murdered in a recent wave of violence in this southern Mexican state.

Martin Balesca Dominguez was severely beaten and stabbed many times by unidentified attackers near the town of Arriaga, according to a release from the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) in San Francisco. A dozen other gay men and nine prostitutes have been murdered in Chiapas in the past year, most of them shot with high-caliber weapons in or near the capital city of Tuxtla Gutierrez. None of the cases has been solved by police.

Violence against gays and transvestites has been rampant in other parts of Mexico as well in the past three months, including an attack on three gay men in Mexico City on July 13. "It's time for the Mexican government to take seriously the epidemic of anti-gay violence throughout the country and to force the police to fully investigate the murders of gay men," says ILGHRC Latin American Coordinator Enrique Asis.

Housing for the Homeless

SAN FRANCISCO - Mayor Frank Jordan and Supervisor Carole Migden are jointly developing a program to encourage more homeless residents to secure housing. Their goal: to move 600-800 homeless people, whose SSI enables them to pay rent but who are not doing so, from emergency shelters to residential hotels.

According to a release from the city, homeless recipients of SSI receive $734 per month. Although there are a number of available rooms in SRO hotels, many people are using the city's emergency shelter system and many are evicted from SROs because they can't manage funds.

Snap Those Photos for Coming-Out Day

SANTA FE - National Coming Out Day and The Lesbian & Gay Public Awareness Project are calling on professional photographers and wannabes to send in their photos of queers taken on Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day. The groups are producing a photo project that will serve as a sort of "day in the life" of gay and lesbian America.

All aspects of the community are ripe for the snapping; in fact, organizers encourage inclusion of all lifestyles as well as all ethnic, age, economic and racial groups. Those interested in submitting or further information, call (505) 982-2558 or (818) 990-8000.

Native Americans Denounce Columbus Film

SAN FRANCISCO - Native Americans are angry over the release of a multi-million dollar film depicting Columbus' voyage to America. Bay Area Native American leaders say that *Columbus: The Discovery*, produced by the Salkind brothers, creators of the Superman series, "portrays Columbus and the invasion of the Americas as an epic of discovery when, in fact, it marked the onset of 500 years of genocide, slavery and conquest of indigenous peoples."

Protests of the film are being organized by the American Indian Movement in San Francisco.

Feedback Negative to Dyke Column

WASHINGTON - *Detroit News* Editor Bob Giles says that most of the feedback to the country's first out lesbian columnist in a non-queer newspaper has been negative.

But Deb Price, the Washington correspondent for the *News*, who pens a gay column that is now syndicated by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate, still feels her work is vital. "I think it's really important for me to remember and for other people to remember that if there weren't hostility and if there weren't misunderstandings about gay people, there would be no point in doing this column," she says.

"You're just astounded," she says, "that people would write such hatred and sign their name and leave their address and telephone number. I keep telling myself, 'I'm a symbol, nobody knows me, it's not personal, try not to take it personally.' "

Bishop Says No Queer Marriage

INDIANAPOLIS - In reaction to a July 25 "celebration of Holy Covenant" between two men, Methodist Bishop Leroy C. Hodapp has ordered clergy not to perform marriage ceremonies for queers.

But Hodapp also urged the denomination to minister to gays/lesbians/bisexuals. He said that the church's book of rules described "homosexual persons" as "individuals of sacred worth" just like heterosexuals.

The Rev. John Aleshire, one of five ministers who took part in the July 25 celebration, hoped dialogue would continue on the issue. He said, "I hope that one day this kind of thing is not seen as controversial."

Calif. Hate Crimes Law Upheld

SAN JOSE - Santa Clara Superior Court Judge Read Ambler upheld the constitutionality of California's hate crimes law against a free-speech challenge in a case countering one filed by two gay men bashed after they left the San Jose Gay Pride Festival last year.

The two gay men filed against their attackers under the hate crimes law, seeking punitive damages and a statutory penalty. But one of the men challenged the constitutionality of the law, saying that it infringed on his First Amendment right to free speech. Ambler overruled the challenge.

P-FLAG Has New Acting Head

WASHINGTON - When Tom Sauerman stepped down as the executive director of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Lake Tahoe native Louis R. Mendonsa assumed the position of acting executive director.

Mendonsa is a former Regional Director for the U.S. Olympics Committee, and worked with the National Council on Alcoholism and the Sacramento United Way. He has a lesbian daughter.

Under Sauerman's direction, the organization increased its number of local chapters, expanded its AIDS Support Project and established a national, toll-free hotline.

Conn. Rep to Join HRCF Staff

WASHINGTON - Connecticut State Rep. Joe Grabarz (D-Bridgeport), who led the successful campaign for a state gay rights bill, has been named legislative director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). He will not seek re-election this fall.

Grabarz says that leaving his state is a "very

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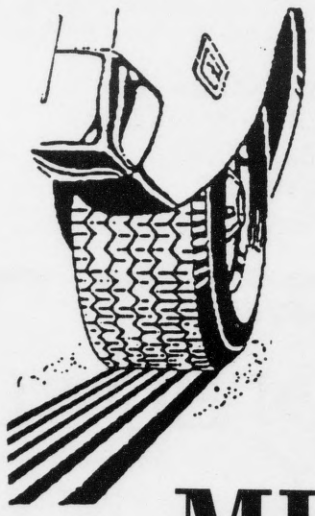

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difficult decision," but "the chance to lead the Human Rights Campaign Fund's lobbying effort was too great an opportunity to turn down."

Tim McFeeley, HRCF executive director, says that Grabarz's background "gives him the expertise to advance the cause of lesbian and gay Americans in Congress."

Queers to Sing for Gay Games

SAN FRANCISCO - Three hundred musicians, representing 23 bands from across the country, will perform a benefit concert—"Dreams: Toward the Next Rainbow"—to celebrate the 10th anniversaries of the Lesbian and Gay Bands of America and Gay Games I.

Proceeds from the gala event, to be held at San Francisco Civic Auditorium on Polk Street on Sept. 6, will go to the Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts and Gay Games IV. Emceeing the event will be Dick Sargent, star of the popular "Bewitched" series, and Margaret Cho, a local lesbian comic.

For tickets, call (415) 392-4400 or (510) 762-BASS.

German Queers Protest Marriage Ban

BERLIN - In an Aug. 19 protest against the country's ban on same-sex marriages, gay couples in some 50 cities lined up at City Halls to try to legalize their unions.

Of course, as expected, their requests were rejected, setting the stage for a legal battle. Couples say that the legal advantages to a state-sanctioned marriage include inheritance rights, tax breaks and pension rights.

There was one celebrity couple among the 250 who participated: TV comic Hella von Sinnen and Cornelia Scheel, daughter of former West German President Walter Scheel. Same-sex unions are legal only in one country: Denmark. In the Netherlands a couple can sign a legally binding contract which spells out some rights should they break up.

Bits & Pieces

The homophobic Traditional Values Coalition was fined $2,000 recently after admitting to violating California's Political Reform Act by attempting to conceal a donation to the anti-domestic partners campaign two years ago... The Asian Pacific Islander Caucus of the Harvey Milk Progressive Democratic Club held its first successful August Moon Banquet at Yang Sink Restaurant on Aug. 15, drawing more than 115 people, including many elected officials... Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg sent Mayor Frank Jordan a letter regarding his failure to appoint lesbians to the Human Rights Commission. Lesbians have served on that body since 1976. Achtenberg even volunteered to send the mayor a list of qualified candidates, in case he didn't know any... BiNet USA is now a full-fledged national organization. The transformation occurred at its third annual meeting in Minneapolis a few weeks ago. BiNet works for the rights of bisexuals... Community United Against Violence in San Francisco has appointed Guillermo Pena as program director. Pena, the executive director of El Hogar Mental Health and Community Service Center in Sacramento, begins work on Sept. 8... The Hearing Society for the Bay Area is sponsoring a pilot class, "Hearing Loss and Communication: Classes for People with HIV/AIDS," Sept. 15, 22 and 29 from 5-7 pm at 20 Tenth St. For more info, call (415) 863-4710 or 863-2550 (TDD)...Living Benefits, Inc., the company that pioneered the purchase of life insurance with cash payments, donated $25,000 to the National Association of People with AIDS... A $500 reward is being offered for information leading to the prosecution of person(s) responsible for the theft of property from the American Indian AIDS Institute. Call (415) 626-7639 or 553-1351 (SFPD) if you have information.

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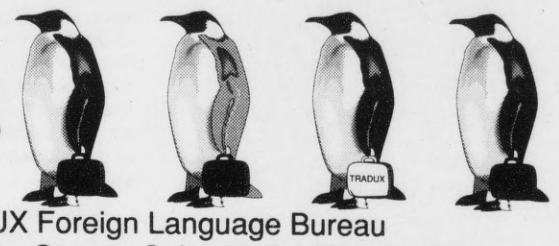

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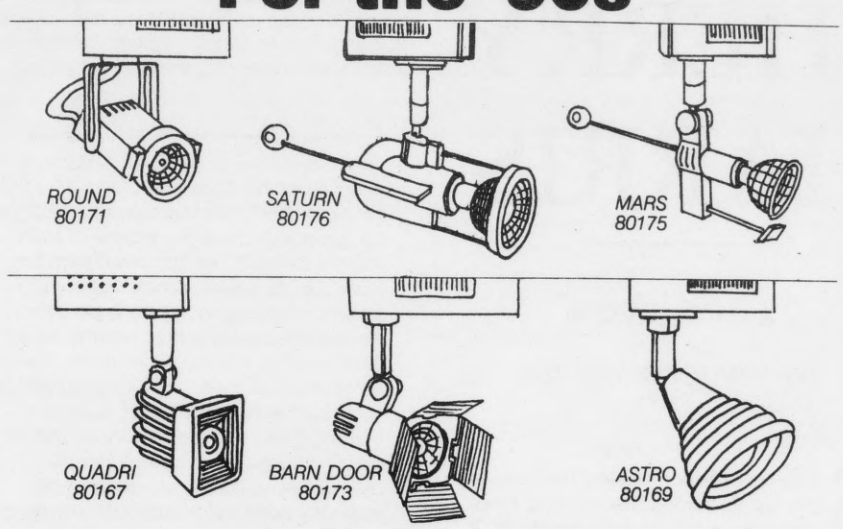

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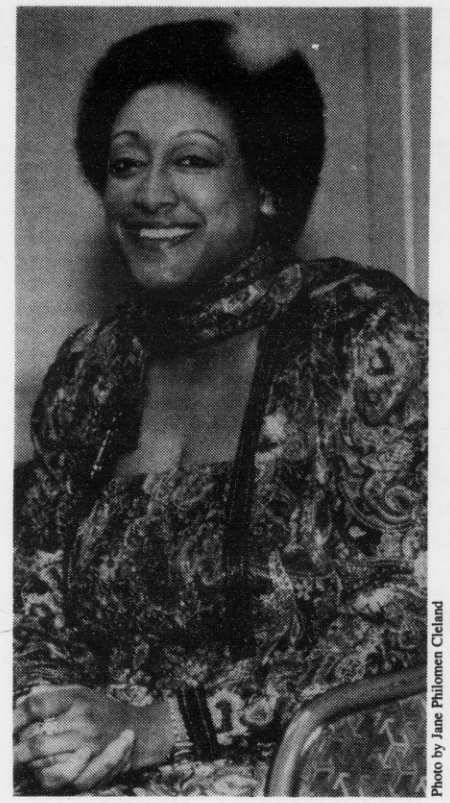

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AN INTERVIEW

BY VIVIENNE LOUISE

Seattle has often been dubbed The Emerald City for its verdant landscape of forest pines surrounded by snow-capped hills. It has also attained this nickname because of its history as a place of opportunity. In November 1991, Seattle took a leap ahead of the rest of the United States, affirming its reputation as a place where dreams come true, and became the first city to elect an out-of-the-closet African American lesbian to its City Council, Sherry Harris. Harris defeated a 24-year incumbent, thus bringing the winds of change to the Seattle City Council.

SF Bay Times caught up with Harris to talk to her during a recent visit to the Bay Area.

(SF Bay Times) When did the political bug first hit you?

(Harris) Well I'm not sure it really has, to tell you the truth. Community service has always been a very strong value that my family held, and I hold too. My decision to run for public office was really a culmination of many years of active involvement in a variety of organizations and neighborhood issues. I came to a point in my personal life where I needed to decide what to do next. People approached me and said, "Well, why don't you run for political office?" I was wary of that prospect, but I investigated and thought about it, and talked to a lot of people. As a result, I decided to run.

Although I did win my race, I'm not necessarily committed to politics as a career. I'm still getting a sense of what it really means to spend all of my time—14-hour days, and not having weekends—doing political work. It is important to me that, first and foremost, I be effective in this position, that people like me and really want me to be here, and that I'm having fun. So I need to do it for a while, and then I'll decide at the end of my four-year term whether I want to do it again. I see myself as a person who has many options. I am embarking now on a second career. I expect that over my lifetime I'll have several careers. So the door is open.

Effective—What does that mean to you?

Well, effective means actually being a progressive leader, getting things done. I need to look back after a year is over and say, "Yes, I've moved these pieces of legislation. I added a perspective to a policy decision that otherwise government may not have had if I wasn't there." Effective means I'm actually doing things that I believe are right, according to my own value system and, of course, the value system of the people that I represent.

Particulars! Is there something particular that you are working on now that reflects these values?

Well, I'm focusing a lot on transportation and the environment. Those are the issues that I campaigned on, and I'm working very hard on that. I'm very excited. We have a good policy right now— or at least we've taken good first steps toward recycling in Seattle. We have one of the best residential recycling programs for garbage collection in the country. And we're working to develop really good models for the corporate arena.

That's great! What are the transportation issues in Seattle?

Seattle has grown tremendously, not only in the city proper, but the surrounding communities have grown. People are living very dispersed, away from their jobs. But we haven't kept pace with providing for people to get to work via mass transit, so they are using cars, clogging up the freeways and creating air pollution. And so what we are working on in Seattle is a high capacity transit system, including a regional light rail project. I am working very hard on that project.

I met with Sherry Harris in a cluttered conference room at the Black Lesbian & Gay Leadership Conference held in February 1992. She was already attired for the banquet in a two-piece dress of multicolored brocade that blossomed from her body. The shimmering outfit and her self-assured manner gave me the impression I was addressing benevolent royalty; not a hard-working, grassroots politician. The contrast was dizzying, making it difficult for me to concentrate on the task at hand. Clearly, I was seeing the charisma that all elected officials must have. It was the charm of an easy hostess; one who can make any guest feel at ease with seemingly no effort. This was the charm of Sherry Harris, the nature of her charisma; the warmth of a welcoming party-giver who remembers the particular likes and dislikes of each guest in simple, clear terms.

Tell me about the people who worked on your campaign. How would you categorize them? Were they from all walks of life?

I really was surprised at the caliber of volunteer that I attracted to my campaign. I look back on it, and I think that they were people who have a strong sense of social justice within themselves, and a strong sense of wanting to have all things be available to all people. Those are the kinds of people that came to my campaign. They were gay. They were straight. They were transsexual. They were bisexual. They were old. They were young. If anything, I had a whole array of what I think were just very politically progressive-thinking people.

A lot of them, surprisingly, had never been politically active; and from the gay community I was able to draw in a lot of the people who had never worked on a campaign before. A lot of lesbians were excited about my campaign and came to volunteer. A lot of my friends were my first volunteers; they would bring other people. I had, literally, by the end of the campaign, an army of people. It was tremendous, absolutely tremendous!

Were you always out in all of your other political activity as a lesbian?

No, I really wasn't. Certainly as a lesbian, I went through the phase of coming out. There was a period when I acknowledged that I was a lesbian, but I didn't tell anyone. I didn't tell family. I didn't tell friends. I didn't tell the people that I worked with. I was very much in the closet.

As I began to be more active in the community and having a wider personal life, being in the closet began to be more of a burden than something that protected me. Eventually, little by little, I came out to my family and to specific people in the community. There were a lot of things that I did where it just wouldn't come up. For example, I worked in my neighborhood to develop a transportation and traffic plan. When you come into a meeting in which you are talking about transportation and traffic, there is just no room to talk about being a lesbian. It just wasn't relevant.

However, there were other circles that certainly knew I was gay. I served as president of the Seattle Women's Commission and did a lot to bring gay issues to the forefront there. That was an appropriate arena, whereas in other arenas it just wasn't very well known. However, when I did decide to run for political office, I made it known to the public up front.

Why did you decide to do that?

It was a very important strategy. We had done a lot of research. We tried to find every gay woman who had run for political office and talk to her or someone who had worked with her campaign. We were trying to find out what happened, what worked and what didn't work. We hoped not to repeat any mistakes.

Through a long process of steering committees, we came up with a campaign plan. Part of that strategy was to lead with the gay issue so that my opponent couldn't use it against me. Although Seattle is a very good place for gay people, homophobia still reigns supreme. If it was a secret thing, then people could whisper about it. It could become an issue. But if I tell them, up front, "Well, I'm gay," people might ask me a couple of questions about that, but then that ends the dialogue, and we go on to talk about the real issues that would lead to a person's decision to vote for me.

I'd have her there, because looking at her made me feel better.

Did you talk to women around the country or just basically on the West Coast?

Around the country. You have the two gay women who are on the Board of Supervisors in San Francisco. There is a woman in the State Legislature in New York, a woman in the State Legislature in Maine, and one other in Minnesota. We basically talked to them all, and got ideas and information.

Harris is the only child of a single parent, her mother. She grew up in Newark, New Jersey, and moved to Seattle 13 years ago, when she got her first job with Boeing Engineering. In the 1970s, Harris became part of the feminist consciousness-raising movement and began to be comfortable with her sexuality.

When you were a little girl, who were your heroines?

I don't know that I had any famous person. But I know that as a young girl I was always impressed by strong women. I perceived strong women to be women who knew what they wanted. They were very assertive or sometimes aggressive in pursuit of doing something on behalf of a cause, on behalf of the community or within their personal lives.

Within my family, and within the neighborhood and community, I've had an opportunity to come across several strong women who influenced my life, notwithstanding my mother. My mother was a very strong influence, and her strength made an impression on me. I think that all too often people don't utilize their own personal power to accomplish the things that they want to do in life. They don't take advantage of that. Personal power is something that is very much with us.

I'm someone who feels that I've been gay all of my life. I truly believe that from the time I was aware that I had a sexuality, I was lesbian. I, of course, couldn't call it that and had no frame of reference. So it was not something that I acknowledged in my life until I moved away from home, right after college. I must have been around 24 years old then, and it must have been about two years later that I came out.

The job with Boeing was my first job out of college and away from home. I found that once I was away from the influence of all the people I had grown up with, I was able to really think about my sexual orientation and to make some decisions about whether I wanted to explore what it means to be a lesbian.

When I was a young girl growing up, the examples of homosexuality that I had observed were not positive. Homosexuals were not people who had lifestyles I wanted. So I had always, at least intellectually, rejected the idea. I thought, "Well I don't want to live like that, so I must not be homosexual. I must be something else." As a teenager and as a very young adult going through my college years, it wasn't something that I acknowledged.

But when I came to Seattle, it was at the time when we were all into consciousness-raising groups. It was through this group activity and doing a lot of feminist reading that freed up my thinking to explore. I got to meet other gay people, lesbians, who were just like me. They were professionals. They had lifestyles that were similar to mine. That influenced me more than anything else. Just being able to come in contact with other lesbians and seeing that they were like me made it possible for me to acknowledge that I was a lesbian. I began to feel okay about it, because I could still be myself. Before, I thought I had to be something else.

Can you think of any particular books or writings that influenced you?

No books in particular—but the whole feminist philosophy. Feminism to me is a philosophy whereby you seek to remove the barriers to discrimination based on sex. Exposure to a number of readings and being aware that there are all of these barriers, it really freed my thinking to recognize a tremendous amount of choices as people. Sometimes, because of our environments, we fail to see that there are choices. The feminist philosophy really made me see those choices.

Seattle is a region in the Pacific Northwest that was originally inhabited by many American Indian tribes, including the Duwamish, Snohomish and Suquamish. It was named after Chief Sealth of the Suquamish tribe by a group of Illinois farmers settling in the region in 1851. The white settlers eventually decimated the native populations, swindling them out of their land.

Unusual for major urban centers today, Seattle has a 73 percent white majority. African Americans make up 10 percent of the population, Asian and Pacific Islanders almost 12 percent; Indian, Eskimo and Aleut only 1.4 percent, and other groups 1.4 percent.

Originally a timber town, Seattle soon became a major supplier to miners headed up to Alaska for the gold rush of the 1890s. At the same time, the Great Northern Railroad was under construction and great numbers of Chinese immigrated to work on this project. The fate of the Chinese after completion of the railroad was one of terrorism and forced exodus from Seattle by white mobs. African Americans, by and large, migrated to Seattle during WWII, when the defense industry thrived and jobs were plentiful. This migration was

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simultaneous with the internment of Japanese-descended people into camps, complete with confiscation of property and a heightened racism toward all Asians. In the late 1960s, Seattle erupted, just like many other cities, in the racial riots that alerted the sleeping moral majority that colored folks were not content.

But out of this stew of racial tension and discrimination bubbled a stronger vision that boiled to the top. As a result of civil rights movements, the political climate began to change. The Fair Employment Practices Ordinance, along with the Open Housing and Public Accommodations Ordinance, are concrete examples of this changing climate. These laws prohibit discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on membership in a number of legal classes. Of course, these classes include racial, ethnic and religious groups; but in the late 1970s they were amended to also include sexual orientation, defined in the law as heterosexuality, homosexuality, transsexuality or transvestism.

In 1990 a domestic partners section was amended to the Fair Employment Practices Ordinance, which gave registered domestic partners access to health and dental insurance along with benefits of sick or bereavement leave usage by the employee. Harris and her partner have registered as domestic partners.

Most politicians gain support from one particular segment of their community before acquiring a broader base. Sherry Harris, however, talked about emerging from a true rainbow coalition.

I would say that my roots are definitely based in several communities. While I'm gay, I'm also African American and I'm also female. I feel committed to all those three areas. That is probably why I've been so active all of my life. And, of course, you can never do enough for any one community. So I would say that traditionally my roots aren't just based in the gay community. Certainly I've had strong activism there. I started the Lesbian Political Caucus and served on boards of a number of different gay organizations. But I did as much in the Black community, and certainly as much, if not more, for women in general.

So you see yourself as having broad-based roots?

Oh yes, very broad-based. While certainly there are a lot of human rights and social justice issues that I continue to push on behalf of gay people, African Americans, minorities and women, there is another side of me. There is the technical side of me. I'm an engineer by profession. I really like dealing with things like gray water re-use and transportation. So when I look for issue areas to be involved in, I try and satisfy all those needs. Over my lifetime, it has just made me a very busy person.

Your election seems to have been an early indicator of what seems to be a nationwide disenchantment with incumbents. What was your opponent like?

I ran against a 24-year incumbent, Sam Smith. He was a Black man who had quite a distinguished career. He was the first Black man to be elected to the Seattle City Council. Before that, Smith was the first Black man in Washington state to be elected to the Washington State Legislature. He had a very long political career and was very well known and respected in the community. However, Smith was 69 years old and someone who I judged to be no longer effective in his responsibilities. I felt that his ineffectiveness was clearly documentable, and that he no longer represented the progressive agenda.

And you won against him.

Yes I did, against all odds.

Were the polls against you?

Even though it is a city of a half million people, we had no money to do polls. But political insiders said, "Well you don't have a chance." In the beginning of the race, everybody knew who Sam Smith was; nobody had ever heard of Sherry Harris. So what I felt I just needed to do was outcampaign this man. And I did. I went to hundreds of meetings, forums, debates. I showed up at everything. I participated in every process. I doorbelled like crazy. I just ran a very energetic and a very smart campaign. I knew that if I had the opportunity to present myself to the voters, if the voters could meet me, hear me speak, if they received a piece of my literature, then I had a good chance of influencing them to vote for me.

And that was what did it.

Yes.

That's wonderful. In the City Council you are the only lesbian, I assume.

I'm the only lesbian and the only African-American woman.

Have you received any non-professional treatment in terms of working with City Council members?

Oh no, not at all. Actually, the current council and even the past council, with the exception of the man that I ran against, were very strongly in favor of equal rights and opportunities for gay and lesbian people. And so, politically, it is a very good climate, and anybody who is progressive really carries that agenda of equal opportunity. So working with my colleagues has just been wonderful.

How about the rest of the city? Have you gotten any negative phone calls, letters, etc.?

During the course of the campaign there were several incidents. However, hardly anybody ever asked me about being gay. What they wanted to know was: Exactly what was my platform on education? What was I going to do about fixing up their streets? People really wanted to know what was I going to do in the areas of particular concern to them. A very small percentage of people during the campaign wrote me nasty letters: "I hate you. You're gay." Or, "I hate you. You're Black." (laughter). And we got a couple of phone calls, all anonymous. But they were few and far between.

Harris' office is actively involved in two health care projects that include a focus on AIDS. One is a comprehensive needs assessment of students and youth health needs in Seattle. The second is a strategic review of all City/County Health Department policies. Both of these studies have AIDS prevention as one of the focal points to be addressed in the conclusions. In addition to these studies, Harris has another plan that is lesbian/gay community specific.

We have a commission in Seattle that did a study and survey of the gay and lesbian population. They came up with this big thick document that had a lot of findings about the needs of the lesbian and gay community. One of the things I want to do is to take that document and examine it for opportunities for legislation, because nothing was ever done with it. They did this study and people said, "Wow, these are interesting statistics." But the City Council and the mayor never did anything with it. So I'm planning on doing that.

Seattle is divided into eight districts. Sherry Harris gained the endorsement of seven of those districts, making her win nothing short of a landslide. Her theme was "Time For A Change," and the verity of that slogan was evident to most Seattle-ites. Hopefully, this theme will ripple throughout the country with the tides flowing toward a more people-oriented government.

By investing in people early on, as early as you can start to invest in them, we save ourselves money. We also save those people over the long haul. We must work on these issues from the big picture. We really must focus on getting progressive people elected to public office and getting the country to adopt a progressive agenda.

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To Boldly Go Where No Chief Has Gone Before

Willie Williams Meets Gays on Their Own Turf

by Bruce Mirken

On Aug. 5, while the mass media focused on the federal indictments hurled down in the Rodney King beating, recently installed Los Angeles Chief of Police Willie Williams took a step that would have been unimaginable for his predecessor: He went to the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center in Hollywood for an hour-long give-and-take with a broad spectrum of lesbian and gay community representatives. Though Williams was longer on general promises of reform than he was on specifics, most of those he met with—perhaps relieved to be dealing with anyone other than Daryl Gates—left the meeting willing to believe that entrenched anti-gay attitudes in the L.A.P.D. might finally be on their way out.

The roughly three dozen activists, including representatives from militant groups such as Queer Nation and ACT UP as well as suit-and-tie types like attorney/lobbyist John Duran and GLCSC Executive Director Torie Osborn, had long been used to regarding the L.A.P.D. as the enemy. "It's your police department," Williams told them. "It's your police headquarters. The doors are open." The words were conciliatory. The tone on both sides was friendly, even jocular.

Williams indicated that policies in a number of areas were under review, including recruitment, training and handling of political demonstrations. While he didn't pledge specific efforts to recruit gays and lesbians for the force, he pointed to his record in Philadelphia, where police recruited in gay neighborhoods. He added that he was reviewing the background questionnaires used by the department to purge them of questions that might single out an applicant's sexual orientation. Williams indicated he was considering expanding the current one-hour sensitivity training that new officers get on gay and lesbian concerns and was "in the process right now of sitting down and looking at our whole process of how we manage demonstrations."

The questions quickly got down to specifics. Attorney Duran asked about entrapment by vice officers making lewd conduct arrests and suggested the use of uniformed officers rather than "stealth cops." "We'll take a look at it," Williams replied, adding that he hadn't had a chance to examine the vice division's procedures but would be inclined to limit such enforcement to activities that are "open and lewd and outrageous."

At almost every turn, Williams gave the questioner the answer that he or she was looking for. When Mary Newcombe of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund asked for stronger disciplinary actions against officers who display anti-gay bigotry, the chief simply replied, "I agree with you." When Renee Martinez asked him to remember that many L.A. gays and lesbians are people of color who often face double prejudice, Williams answered, "I think that's part of why I was selected to be here."

Williams was challenged about the report of the Philadelphia Citizens' Advisory Group, which came close to calling him a liar for his attempts to explain Philadelphia police violence against demonstrators who protested an appearance by President Bush last September. "I disagree with some of the comments in that report," he replied, "but we learned from that process. Don't judge us on that one day. This chief said we made some mistakes... This department is open to you. Let's begin to establish dialogue. We're going to change."

Repeatedly Williams sought to establish his flexibility. In reponse to a question about needle-exchange programs designed to slow the spread of AIDS among addicts, Williams emphasized that elected officials have to set policy in this area, but showed that he understood the justification for needle-exchange—an apparent change from the L.A.P.D.'s former strict opposition. He said he would be meeting later that afternoon with lawyers for former L.A.P.D. Sgt. Mitch Grobeson, implying that a settlement of Grobeson's longstanding discrimination suit (reportedly adamantly opposed by former Chief Gates) might be in the offing.

Reactions to Williams' performance were positive but cautious. "People are going to be watching closely," Torie Osborne commented. "People are going to hold him accountable, but from my point of view he felt like a person who was open to that process... It's an excellent first step."

Helene Schpak of ACT UP was less sure. "We've had a terrible track record, ACT UP has, with Gates," she noted, "and I don't see the misconceptions and preconceived notions of who and what we are changing with the change in the chief."

All agreed that it was important to make sure that Williams follows through, a sentiment echoed by gay and lesbian leaders in Williams' former home town. Interviewed shortly after Williams' appointment, Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force Executive Director Rita Adessa said the chief needed to be pushed to follow through on his nice-sounding statements. She urged L.A. activists to pin him down to "an agreed-upon set of policy and program recommendations" with "specific and quantifiable goals with timelines."

Time will tell if the new police chief's actions match his tone. As Renee Martinez told Williams during the meeting, "It's almost like being in a relationship where somebody's been beating you and they say they're not going to beat you anymore."

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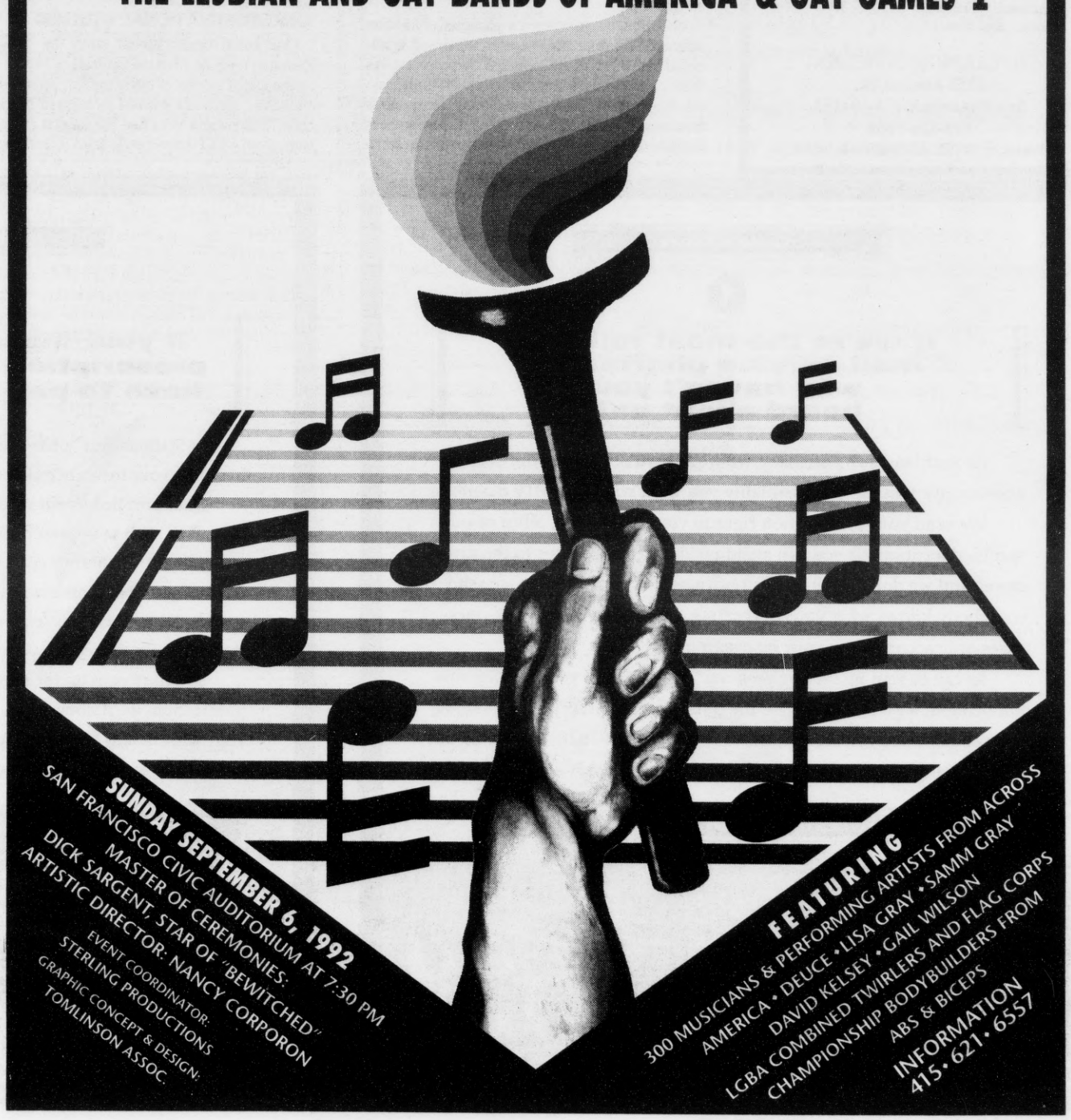
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Alternatives And Traditional Medicine:

Report From VIII International Conference

For the first time in the eight-year history of the International Conference on AIDS, alternative and traditional indigenous medicines had a prominent place. Four oral sessions, numerous poster presentations, published abstracts and a three-evening minicourse addressed this topic.

The minicourse offered a glimpse of what an international dialogue on alternative and traditional medicines could look like. Representatives from countries heavily affected by HIV discussed their work with traditional indigenous treatments, and Western-trained researchers discussed the preliminary data that exists on some "alternative" treatments.

Most information in this area appeared in poster presentations or published abstracts. These reports were not selected by the review committees for oral sessions, but instead for poster presentation in the conference hall and/or publication in the three-volume set of abstracts given to all conference attenders.

One notable paper was a poster presentation by Raxit Jariwalla, of the Linus Pauling Institute, on a laboratory study of vitamin C (ascorbate) combined with NAC (N-acetylcysteine). NAC is a naturally occurring amino acid that has become a popular treatment available through buyers' clubs. Jariwalla's laboratory study found that adding NAC to vitamin C created a synergistic effect that caused an eight-fold increase in anti-HIV activity. The laboratory study alone cannot show whether the combination treatment will be useful, so it should be followed up with a clinical trial. Because both of these agents are already widely used, it is important to know as much about them as possible, including how they work together.

Another promising laboratory study conducted at the Chulalongkorn University Hospital in Bangkok examined an extract of the "lacquered mushroom," *Ganoderma lucidum*. The preliminary study showed that this product altered the response of lymphocytes taken from HIV-positive patients and offers evidence supporting further studies.

CLINICAL TRIALS AND OBSERVATIONAL STUDIES

One small observational study by Qingcai Zhang of the Sino Medical Institute of New York on the use of extract of bitter melon, *Momordica charantia*, showed a marked increase in T-helper cells. The patient who had the largest increase went from 480 T-helper cells to 1370 after treatment for three years. The patient with the smallest increase went from 336 T-helper cells to 446 over a period of eleven months. The data was only collected from six patients and the study was not controlled or blinded, so it is hard to draw conclusions about this treatment. As the use of bitter melon grows in the community, we will be watching closely to find out more about its efficacy and usefulness. (Note: For a report on how to obtain and use bitter melon, send a SASE to the AIDS Intervention Team of APLG, 300 West Sunset Blvd., LA 90012.

Another plant extract, Acemannan, from the aloe vera plant, was discussed in a published abstract. A related product was popular a few years ago, but according to the Healing Alternatives Foundation, a buyers' club in San Francisco, it has fallen out of favor. This preliminary clinical study tested Acemannan in combination with AZT and found it to be safe. Unfortunately, the trial did not determine efficacy, but the average decline of T-helper cells in patients after 24 weeks of therapy was almost 40 percent, which does not look promising.

Three abstracts discussed the use of traditional African medicine in Tanzania. E. Lugakingira, a traditional African doctor, teamed up with L. Barongo, a Western-trained doctor, to study a traditional herbal remedy at the Traditional Medicines Unit in Nansio, Tanzania. They conducted a preliminary uncontrolled clinical trial of 156 patients, and 80 percent showed clinical improvement. They say further research must be done to analyze the active agents in the compound they were using.

Similar research was conducted by David Scheinman and others from the Tanga AIDS Working Group in Tanga, Tanzania. He has been studying the clinical effects of herbal remedies prepared by two traditional African healers.

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Another cooperative research program was reported from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where 158 patients were treated with traditional Chinese medicine. The treatment used in this study was not specified, but traditional Chinese medicine usually employs a variety of herbs in specific combinations and usually includes acupuncture treatments. Approximately half of the patients reportedly had a decrease in symptoms such as fatigue, diarrhea and wasting.

The Community Research Initiative of New England, in Boston, conducted an observational clinical study on the use of acupuncture for the treatment of peripheral neuropathy not due to drug toxicity. The trial showed that patients generally had a positive benefit or no change; important findings considering that the standard of care for peripheral neuropathy is often ineffective. In another paper on acupuncture, presenting anecdotal research findings, Magnolia Goh from the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York describes decreased symptoms, decreased rate of opportunistic infections, and weight gain in most of her patients. The same author published an abstract on a Chinese herbal tea remedy.

The importance of exercise and body movement therapy such as yoga, dance and relaxation techniques was described in two papers. Adelheid Rehse from the Pella VIDDA Group in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, suggested that these forms of therapy helped improve patients' confidence in their bodies. A controlled, randomized clinical trial of exercise was conducted by Celia Schlenzig at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. Patients in the exercise group had more stable T-helper cells and slower disease progress than patients in the control group.

PREVALENCE OF ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES

There were numerous papers reviewing the usage of alternative treatments in different communities around the world in addition to those reviewed below.

The use of alternative medicines by women was specifically addressed by Imani Harrington of San Francisco with the help of a survey created by the Center for Natural and Traditional Medicines in Washington, D.C. The researchers reported that all of the 50 HIV-positive women they interviewed were engaging in some form of alternative or self-care activity, with women using many alternative treatments for women-specific health problems that are not adequately addressed by Western allopathic medicine.

The factors that determine the choice of traditional medicine versus Western allopathic medicine by HIV-positive African women were studied by Rachel King from the Project San Francisco in Kugali, Rwanda. She found that the majority of the women are using both forms of health care. The women look to traditional medicine for treating symptoms such as weight loss, weakness, nausea and dermatitis (including herpes zoster). Western medicine was sought for exploratory medical tests and for illnesses that were perceived to be internal.

David Baker and Richard Copeland of San Francisco identified the most popular alternative treatments being employed by HIV-positive gay men and commented on the importance of looking to people with HIV and AIDS for leads in the development of new treatments. Some of the treatments they identified as being popular were vitamin C, NAC, DNCB, Compound Q, Chinese herbs and Iscador (mistletoe extract).

A self-help manual for prisoners with HIV or AIDS was presented by Stephen Korsia of the AIDS Project Los Angeles. He discussed treatments they can do for themselves in prison including such things as self-massage, acupressure, nutritional supplementation and visualization/meditation.

COMMENT

Politically, this year marked a change in the course of the conference toward greater attention to alternative or traditional treatments, in addition to mainstream pharmaceutical industry drugs. As time passes and the limitations of Western medicine become more defined, it is increasingly important for there to be cooperation among different medical traditions.

In general, this year's conference seemed to be more inclusive of ideas and people that have been left out in the past, and we can only hope that this is a trend that will increase in coming years. At a meeting in Amsterdam with activists, Peter Piot, the incoming president of the International AIDS Society (which is the formal sponsor of the International Conference), agreed on the fundamental importance of alternative treatments. He stated that he believes that 90 percent of people with HIV or AIDS in Europe are using some form of alternative treatment. Dr. Piot met with the organizers of the 1993 conference in Berlin and persuaded them to include alternative and traditional medicines in the scientific tracks that already exist. What they have not yet agreed to is the creation of an abstract review board specific to these treatments, to insure fairness in the abstract approval process by delegating the job to experts in this field.

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couples are examples of gay rights issues that queers might readily eschew, deferring on defining relationships in traditional civil/legalistic terms.

Queers are gay, straight, bisexual, none of the above and all of the above. I wish people would get that!

Remember that 1991 was the year when *queers* demonstrated and interrupted the Lesbian & Gay Freedom Day Parade. *Queers* vs. *Gays*, eh?

Stan Maletic
San Francisco

Pendulum—Back and Forth

During a time when some of us are making earnest attempts at "trying to get along," as the now famed anachronism suggests, one of our very own bars is rightfully accused of blatant racism. W.W. Wilson's letter ("Pendulum Swings... Not," *SF Bay Times*, July 30) is justified in his criticism of the (unspoken) hiring practices of the Pendulum.

At a meeting of Black and White Men Together, an organization dedicated to combatting all forms of racism and developing interracial relationships, the subject of this letter was raised. One response that was disturbing and true was, point blank, "What do you expect? This is America."

What leaves me so incensed is the fact that the gay community perpetuates racism, sexism and homophobia. Yes, *homophobia.* As the recent protests outside the End-Up suggest, we have gay businesses exploiting gay staff. Castro Street is very much a white boy club, with no opportunities for queers of *all* colors and genders to mix, socialize and be one family.

If the patrons of the Pendulum are truly fed up with racist hiring policies, they should spend their dollars elsewhere. A boycott would be counterproductive to the AIDS organizations that benefit from Pendulum fund-raisers. The Eagle Creek Saloon is a Black-owned bar with mixed staff and crowd. It is certainly a bar that deserves our patronage. Credit also to Cafe San Marcos for their welcome policy to the boys and the friendly staff of all genders and colors.

Viva La Queer.

Mikey Halliday
Board Member, BWMT/SF

Qualified Black Bartenders Wanted!

In Mr. Adam's response to my observations of the Pendulum's hiring practices ("The Pendulum Swings Back," *SF Bay Times*, Aug. 13), he basically says that the Pendulum cannot, in *this* economy, find *one* qualified Black gay bartender. Puh-leez! What country do *you* live in? Is there no room for improvement on racial issues at the Pendulum and other gay establishments?

First of all, the position you hold as assistant manager does not appear to be a very visible one. You seem to take pride in being the exception, but aren't you tired of that justification? You may as well say, "Well, since I've made it, everything's OK." Realize that tokenism is a part of racism. Just because Clarence Thomas is on the Supreme Court doesn't mean that all is fair and well.

My point was that Blacks are not in visible, decent-paying positions at the Pendulum and other gay establishments. You say that there are lots of Black volunteers, baseball players, etc., who represent the Pendulum. Swell. But these positions are certainly *not* where the money is made. Realize that these people may be exploited by improving the Pendulum's image. Don't be so quick to believe the hype.

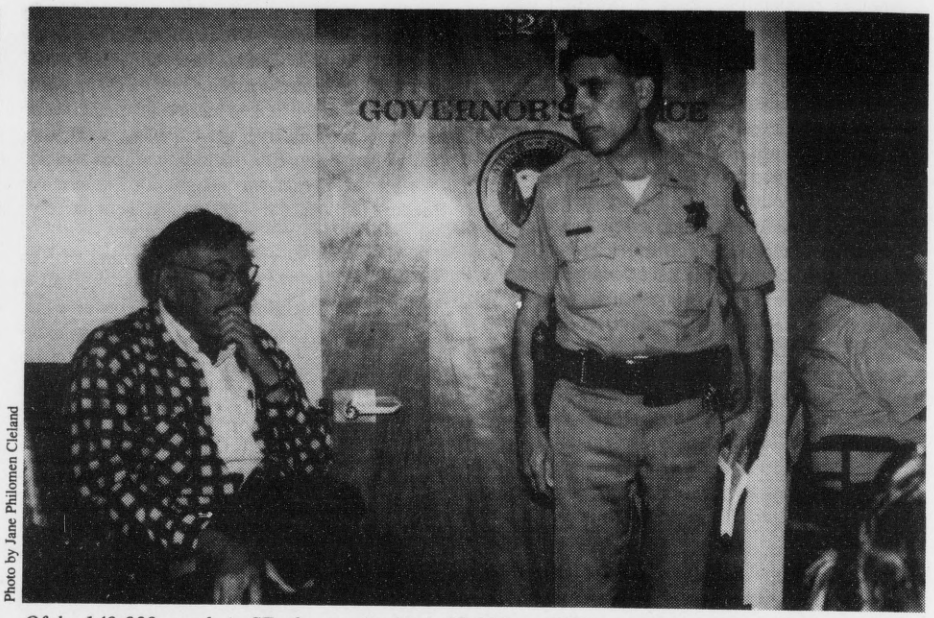
You mention that the Pendulum used to have two Black employees who did not work out. Many times, businesses intentionally hire minorities who are not qualified in order to point out that Blacks fail as employees. This reinforces the racist notion that they cannot find qualified people. *Qualified* African Americans have been witnessing this injustice in anger, for years. Don't buy it!

Your use of statistics to show how "equal opportunity" the Pendulum is, fails when you have to include Jewish Americans in your pool of minorities to make the numbers look better. Your clientele is at least 50 percent African American. You might at least reflect *that* in your staff. And, yes, the other bars in the Castro need to check their demographics too.

Mr. Adams is asking for "any plausible, reasonable, cost-effective solution." Are you saying that hiring African Americans is not a sound business practice? Careful with that one. Is it less expensive to hire white bartenders? Hmmm. Do you think a few Black hunks behind the bar would be a good business move? The solution is: *Hire some Black bartenders.*

I am willing to meet with Mr. Adams in a public forum. In the meantime, I would like to encourage all qualified African Americans who would like to work as bartenders in the Castro, especially at the Pendulum, to get those applications in. Let your presence be known. This way, there will be no excuse in the future.

W.W. Wilson
San Francisco



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Of the 140,000 people in SF who are disabled, 35,000 are PWAs, requiring personal care attendants so that they are not confined to nursing homes. On Aug 14, Gov. Wilson cut funding for the disabled, prompting 28 people with disabilities to occupy Wilson's office on Aug. 20 and demand a meeting with his staff. No meeting was held and all 28 demonstrators were arrested. On Aug 21, the Legislature killed the bill for personal care attendants. This was followed by more demonstrations at the Gov. 's office and subsequent arrests.

Union-Busting at the End-Up

I've watched with interest the exchange of letters in your paper regarding the Pendulum's hiring policies. I believe that a general discussion in the gay and lesbian community about how workers are treated in queer-run establishments is long overdue, so I'm glad to see the dialogue begun.

My union, the Industrial Workers of the World, or Wobblies, is currently engaged in a labor dispute at the End-Up, well-known South of Market watering hole and home to the G-Spot, Club Uranus, Dekadence and the tea dance. When the majority of the maintenance crew there joined the IWW and presented a contract proposal to management, three of the lead organizers were fired.

Money was not the issue. They make decent wages (or did). Rather, they wanted protection from arbitrary discipline and firings, in addition to union recognition and the continuation of a collective work structure that had allowed them some autonomy.

Our members want their jobs back. Their firings were clearly retaliatory and probably illegal. We also want back pay for their time lost, as well as the demands listed above. We are currently picketing the bar during the week, and have turned away nearly all liquor deliveries, thanks to the support of the Teamster drivers who voted to honor our picket line. Three of our members were arrested for picketing and their cases come up for arraignment on Sept. 15.

We are also calling for a boycott of the End-Up and the clubs that use it. While we have no beef with the clubs or their promoters, their continued use of this venue is a tacit endorsement of the End-Up's union-busting policies. We ask that the community party elsewhere until the clubs find a new venue, or until our demands are met.

It is not our desire to create artificial divisions within the gay/lesbian/bi/transgender community. But neither will we shy away from pointing out the very real class differences which do exist. The myth of "community" is a dangerous smokescreen as long as gay capitalists can exploit their queer workers and then try to smooth things over in the name of "family." And red-baiting is no more acceptable in this community than queer-baiting is in the world at large. We hope that gay and lesbian working people will give us their solidarity in real and substantive ways—by helping out on the picket line, by boycotting the End-Up and by contributing to the strike fund for our fired fellow workers.

Feel free to contact the IWW at (415) 863-9627, or come by our office at 1095 Market St., Room 204, SF 94103. An injury to one is an injury to all.

Jess Grant
General Secretary, IWW
San Francisco

Naked Telephone Poles?

To the People Attracted to Naked Telephone Poles, Yoo-hoo (PANTY, and that's a big dirty PANTY to you):

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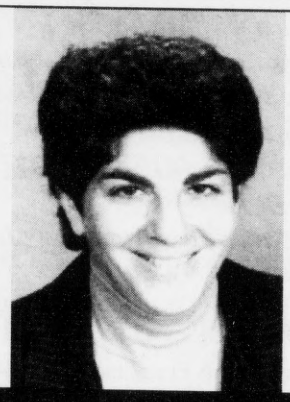

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Street disappear within minutes) that what looks like a dreary, empty post to me, crying out for posters to cover its bare casing, must incite erotic feelings in others. How else to explain this insatiable drive to keep the posts and poles free of fliers and other "bills"?

This particular Sunday, Aug. 2, I was later told, had been advertised as a day to clean up Castro Street. A Colossus employee handing out fliers told me PANTY was out in full force, not only ripping, but actually scrubbing the posts—and to my further amazement, even the newspaper racks—with soap and water. The poles are now not only naked from bottom to top, but are also squeaky clean. But enough to lick or eat off of? Only PANTY knows for sure.

My question (and I really want to try to understand the logic) is a big "Why?" Why should the poles and posts be bare? Why do some people actually take time to rip down fliers and scrub down poles? Do they look more attractive bare? Does it increase the value of the property on Castro Street? Are the posted fliers offensive? My neighbors and I look to the poles and posts as an effective communication tool, a community forum. It's beautiful. It's amusing. It's a way to stay on top of what's happening. How does PANTY (aka Golden Broom) view the decorated poles? Who are you and how many are you?

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Mark I. Chester
San Francisco

Rodeo Fan

Okay, *SF Bay Times,* I've heard enough! You have yet to publish an editorial or article in support of the Gay Rodeo Association. So far everything you've printed on the subject has more bullshit in it than the bulls I ride. The letter by Warren G. Jones ("Why Hurt Animals?" July 30) was the last slam I could take after your slanted article, "Homo on the Range" (July 16).

You have characterized the sport of rodeo as an exercise in the domination of animals, subjecting animals to pain; a sport which no self-respecting gay or lesbian would enjoy.

In the first place, what the hell does being gay or lesbian have to do with enjoying a rodeo? Why would a homosexual enjoy a rodeo any less than a heterosexual? My being gay refers to one thing only: that I am physically and emotionally attracted to men. It has *absolutely nothing* to do with how I walk, talk, dress, my choice of career or hobbies. The gay and lesbian community is diverse and making generalizations about us is a mistake. Like thousands of other gays and lesbians, I was born and raised in a cowboy/ranching/rodeo family and rodeos are a part of my family heritage that I do not intend to give up.

Secondly, let's deal with the myth that some rodeos subject animals to pain by tying flank straps (sometimes referred to as bucking straps) to the animal's genitals. A quick anatomy lesson should clear up this lie. All steers, bulls, horses in the rough stock (bucking) events have flank straps put on them for the duration of the ride, six to eight seconds. By definition, steers do not have genitals. In the bucking horse events, many of the horses are mares (females) or geldings, both of which again do not have genitals to which anything could be tied.

Very simply, a flank strap is a soft cotton rope or sheep skin that is tied around the animal's flank, snug enough to prevent it from coming off during the ride. Could you jump and kick with a rope tightly cinched around your belly? Well, neither can an animal, hence the flank strap is not cinched tight enough to cause pain.

Mr. Jones' letter mentions a young calf subjected to eight seconds of pain in the gay rodeos. First of all, the rough stock events in gay rodeos are only six seconds long, and are only for adult animals weighing 600 to 2,000 pounds, certainly not for poor little calves. Calves are used in only two events, calf roping on foot and breakaway calf roping on horseback. In both of these events, the contestant attempts to rope the calf around the neck and, if successful, the rope is literally discarded. The calf is *never* jerked to the ground, dragged, or in any other way abused. The calf probably does not even know he has been roped because he continues to run after being caught, completely unimpeded by the loose and free rope.

An injured or unhealthy animal is of no value to a rodeo, so it is in the best interest of the rodeo participants and promoters to take excellent care of their livestock. Rodeo animals receive the best of care; their performance depends on it.

How about this domination thing? Are rodeos really an exercise in man's control over animals? I would say yes, but so is my keeping a fish tank in my living room purely because I derive pleasure from watching them. My mother is guilty of animal domination by keeping a parrot imprisoned in her home for her own companionship and enjoyment. So is my blind co-worker who uses a guide dog and the kindergarten teacher who subjects caterpillars and butterflies to life in a glass jar for her students to study. I know that one cow experienced the

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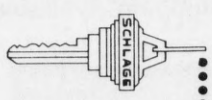

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ultimate in domination when it was killed to make the Nike shoes I wear. Where do you want to draw the line between acceptable and unacceptable use and control?

My recommendation to Mr. Mills, Mr. Jones, and the Action for Animals group is *find a cause with real victims!* There are thousands of worthwhile concerns on which your time could be constructively spent, causes where animals, ecosystems and human beings truly are in danger. Rodeo is not one of them.

Scott Terry
Alameda County

Call It Animal Abuse

Many thanks to Tommi Avicolli Mecca for his evenhanded coverage of the gay rodeo controversy ("Homo on the Range," *SF Bay Times,* July 16).

One clarification, though: Cleveland Amory is the founder of the national organization, The Fund for Animals (with an office at Fort Mason). My own group, Action for Animals, is local and grassroots.

How ironic that such an activity as rodeo should take place in the City of St. Francis, patron saint of animals. That it should be promoted by *gay* people, of all people, boggles the mind. Every local animal protection organization opposes all rodeos, be it the SPCA, SF Animal Control, the Fund for Animals, Feminists for Animal Rights, Animal Rights Connection, In Defense of Animals, etc.

While leafletting at the recent SF Gay Rodeo, I was very disheartened to see Supervisor Carole Migden in the role of Grand Marshal. As she's so progressive on so many other issues, she cannot be unaware of the problem with this practice. "Gays & Friends for Animal Rights," a contingent I formed to combat a gay rodeo proposed for the Cow Palace, has been marching in the parade for ten years.

Migden claims that gay rodeo is "more humane" than straight rodeo. I agree that it is. But isn't that tantamount to saying someone's "a little bit pregnant," or "a little bit raped"? Rodeo is animal abuse, impure and simple. As Sally Gearhart said, the animals didn't consent. Reportedly, animals have been euthanized due to injuries suffered on the gay rodeo circuit.

I would also like to see in print the names of the AIDS service organizations willing to take "blood money" from these proceedings.

On a brighter note, a July 15 story in the San Jose *Our Paper* reported that the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association presented a "Human Rodeo" in San Jose last month, modified to substitute people in place of livestock. According to the article, "This allows people who have never participated in a rodeo to experience the fun of the sport."

Voila! Here's a humane and compassionate alternative to gay rodeo, folks. Let's take advantage of it, for the benefit of all, human and nonhuman alike.

Eric Mills
Coordinator, Action for Animals
San Francisco

Stop AIDS? Stop HIVphobia!

The following letter was sent to Ken Jones, Stop AIDS Project:

Recently I attended one of the Stop AIDS Project's meetings to hear what others are doing to practice and promote safe sex. The facilitator, although pleasant, admitted to being new at the project. As time passed it was clear he needed more experience to successfully facilitate the room.

There were approximately 18 men at the meeting and the HIV rancor I heard was shocking. I was stunned to hear from gay men near-contemptuous comments about persons who carry the AIDS virus.

The phenomenon that some gay men have such uninformed attitudes about HIVers was more than I could believe. It has been nearly a week since the meeting and recalling it is still a source of personal anxiety.

To those HIVers who have thought of going to a Stop AIDS Project meeting, I would think again. Are you ready to spend four hours listening to ignorance, stupidity and disdain from some of our gay "brothers"?

Statistics say the infection rate is climbing. The Stop AIDS Project will certainly help some. I believe that intelligent, compassionate persons will address the issues of HIV, and the myriad of other STDs, by testing. Apparently, compassion and intelligence are lacking in some members of our alleged "community." Doesn't anyone read the HIV articles in our community newspapers?

After my experience, I believe the Stop AIDS Project facilitators must be further educated to better assist the groups. Additionally, more thoughtfulness and planning should go into matching peer groups for the various sessions. Perhaps then the project will be less likely to cause a person to depart the session feeling like a diseased pariah.

Personally, the last thing I needed as an HIVer with an ARC diagnosis was the psychological stress of a Stop AIDS Project meeting.

Thomas
San Francisco

Low-Key Needle Exchange

After members of Alameda County Exchange (ACE) met with Oakland's Deputy City Manager Avon Manning and Deputy Chief of Police Bob Nicholini on Aug. 13, the AIDS prevention outreach organization decided, in the spirit of cooperation, that it would be best not to confront the police at this time. The city has agreed to make needle exchange a low police priority and ACE agreed to move to a less visible location.

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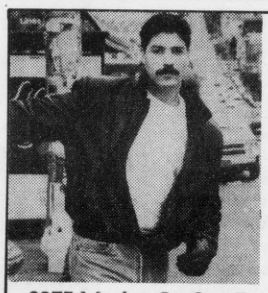
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Please, stay tuned....

Joey Tranchina
AIDS Prevention Action Network
San Mateo

Contra Costa Time Out

The following letter was sent to the Contra Costa Times:

I noticed the *Contra Costa Times* prints many anti-gay letters. This letter is in response to those from Robert Bannon (Aug. 10), Bruce W. Hanson (Aug. 10) and Bruce Wilson (Aug. 14).

All three of these letters argue from a supposedly "Christian" point of view. I would like to mention that I am gay and a graduate from a Jesuit university; I had taken many theology classes and I have had the opportunity to travel abroad and experience encounters with many different kinds of people.

Bannon states that it is obvious homosexuals have lost touch with God. I would like to see him say that to the people from Dignity, the gay Catholic organization, or to members of the gay Metropolitan Community Church or San Francisco's gay synagogue.

Hanson, who disagrees with the gays who are picketing the church, states that science says there is no God. What he says is not true. A person can believe in the theory of evolution and still believe in God. (I am citing examples to show how these letters give false information.)

Wilson said that schools are there to teach (one) how to think and that anything pertaining to lifestyles should be taught at home. According to Paulo Freire of Brazil, the author of *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, schools generally are not teaching students how to think, but rather they are making them memorize facts and thus producing passive individuals who do not question or criticize the beliefs of society. Personally, my parents are not highly educated so they could not have taught me about other ways of living.

I am now mentioning a few books that give other viewpoints and information different from the three letters previously mentioned. They are *Education and the Significance of Life*, by J. Krishnamurti, *One Minute Wisdom*, by the late Jesuit Anthony De Mello, *The Ohlone Way*, by Malcolm Margolin, which mentions that homosexuality was accepted among the Ohlone Indians, *Americans and Chinese —Passage to Differences*, by the psychological anthropologist Dr. Francis L.K. Hsu, and *The First Coming*, by the Jesuit Thomas Sheehan (which explains that it was not the intention of Jesus Christ to found a new religion). Hopefully more people will read this type of literature, thus making it less likely that we will have another Spanish Inquisition or another Nazi Germany.

Jaime Cader
San Francisco

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

On Aug. 17, a 35-car caravan calling itself "The Furious Funeral From Hell," moved down Market St., mourning the death of Roe and calling for real reproductive freedom and access. It ended with a blockade of the exclusive Bohemian Club at Taylor and Post, whose membership is limited to high-status males. "Denying access to the deniers," 11 women were arrested.

Hooray, Jerry Springer

I was in Contra Costa County on Aug. 18 and watched "The Jerry Springer Show" on Channel 3 at 11 am. It was an excellent program. The discussion centered around whether or not people who are HIV-positive should be quarantined. In favor of a quarantine was a loudmouthed preacher-type person and among those guest speakers opposing this was a member of ACT UP and a doctor whose elementary-school-aged son died of AIDS. The audience's response against a quarantine, and their demands for a cure, were unanimous. In finishing the program, Springer said that AIDS and other diseases are not a punishment from God.

Springer should be thanked for his efforts to educate people. Letters to him can be sent to PO Box 4113, Chicago, IL 60654-0113.

Jaime Cader
San Francisco

Take a Fundie to Lunch!

After watching the Republican Convention, I realized that our hatred of the far right is justified. I then wondered if there is something we can do to change their attitudes about gay people.

The confrontational tactics we are using to get through to these misguided religious zealots are not working. This will never get them to leave us alone. A phrase that they keep throwing in our faces is that they claim to love the homosexuals, but hate the sin. Why don't we make them prove it?

Invite a Christian to lunch!

If we start with one-on-one meetings, perhaps they might see that we are not a combined threat to their precious families. Perhaps they will see that all we want are the freedoms that they enjoy. Perhaps they need a rational, quiet explanation of our social issues—like spousal health benefits—to see that this doesn't hurt them at all.

In a quiet setting, they might learn that we are productive members of society and not child-molesting, religion-hating representatives of Satan. And next time they attempt to spread their hate, they might think twice because of the pleasant afternoon they spent with one of us.

What do you think?

Bruce May
San Francisco

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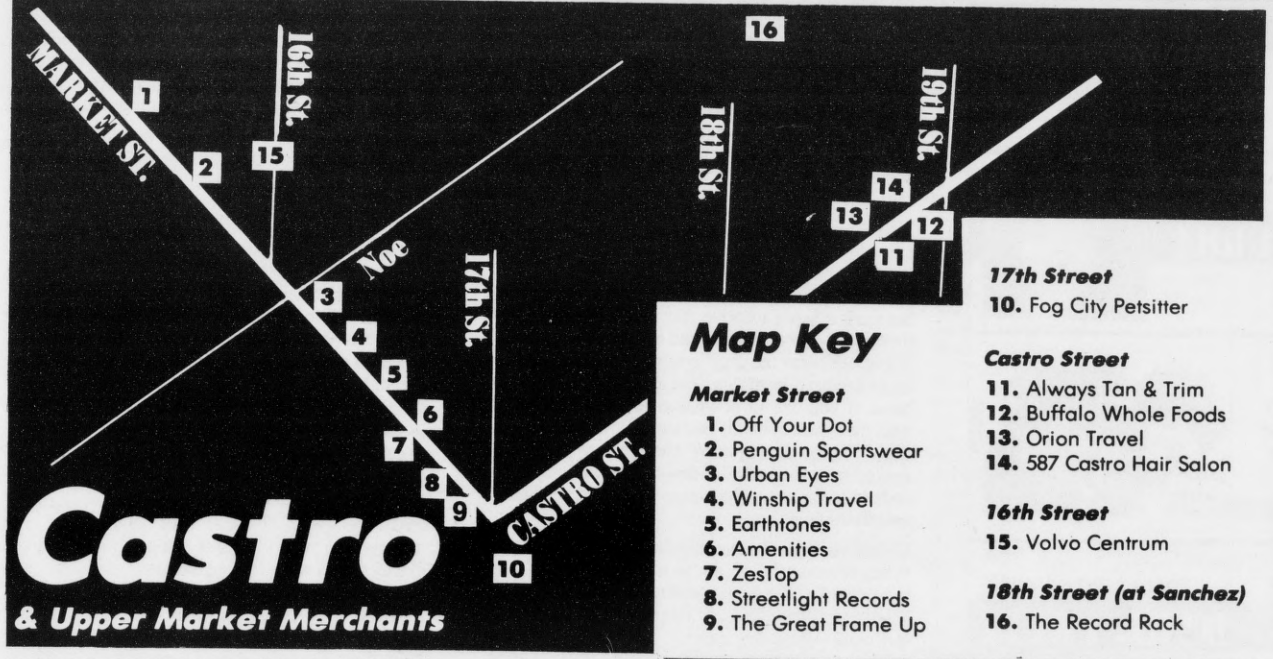

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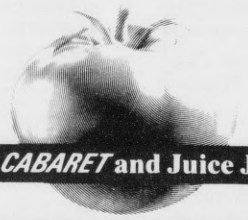

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Bad News, Good News

The bad news is that Mars is quincunx Pluto, making people feisty, irritable and demanding; the good news is that Mars is sextile Mercury, making people real clear about what they want. The bad news is that Mercury is square Pluto, making folks real insistent and unwilling to compromise; the good news is that Jupiter is sextile Pluto and semi-sextile Mercury, providing openings for anybody who's paying attention well enough to find a common ground. This week is challenging, to say the least! Work at being attentive and flexible. Pay close attention to what people are saying. If you feel you aren't being heard, try to paraphrase rather than to repeat yourself.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Do try to think before you speak up. Your wit is indeed unusually sharp, but in an odd sort of way, better suited to writing than speech. Notions about how you can improve things at work are especially better written than said aloud (and best of all to reconsider at another date before submitted!). Your mouth is especially likely to get you into big trouble. Best ways to channel that energy is to take care of a friend who is terribly ill, or talk filth with someone who you know will enjoy it. For heaven's sake don't hold open auditions!

TAURUS: Domestic arguments are almost inevitable and loom larger than life. Your own tenacity is more of a problem than anything your domestic partner is pulling. Not that you have to capitulate, but work at being adaptive. Yes, money is a problem these days, but it's not as bad as it feels right now. If you can resist the urge to argue this week, you'll be amazed at how things clear up later. On the other hand, if you can sit down and constructively deal with the issues at hand, you can accomplish a great deal. This is a singularly bad time to make investments or to gamble. A few cheap and funny doodads to leave about the house will improve the atmosphere.

GEMINI: Yours is normally the most talkative sign. When Mercury is in Leo, as it is now, you're jabbery even by Geminian standards. Other planets are heightening the effect. In familiar settings—home and work—they may quickly tire of you... uhh, I mean they may have trouble keeping up with your rapid wit. Housework is a wonderful way to burn off some of that energy, and writing is a safe way to fulfill the need for self-expression. Health worries may be creating a nervous tension, driving that motormouth. What do you really have to worry about? A checkup may be a good idea, but do a personal stock-taking before you schedule any appointments.

CANCER: You're in a worrisome mood these days, so let yourself worry and don't worry about it. You could focus that energy into clearing up personal finances (but beware a tendency to obsess!). Or you could go on some insanely "creative" jag. Any of the traditionally therapeutic arts like finger painting, basket weaving, or making evil caricatures of childhood enemies is ideal. This is a dreadful time to make any investments or to gamble in any fashion, but you can pick up some good ideas on how to cut your losses on a bad deal already made. Reread your letters carefully before you mail them. You're all too likely to say something better left unsaid.

LEO: Nobody ever accused Leo of being shy, unless it was shy of restraint. Your usual ebullience is now exceeded by a feisty assertiveness. In the right place you could use that well, but the planets are lined up far from the right place. Don't discuss money, except with your accountant. Talk about anything else and try to be soft-spoken. Your writing could be very powerful, as is your verbalization—so much so that writing is a lot safer. When you do get into an argument, your friends will egg you on. Don't let them. Practice a grandly generous shrug, allowing everyone their own idiotic opinions. If you really want to be correct and superior, nothing beats the smugness of quietly knowing better.

VIRGO: You've been enjoying a run of good luck, but this is no time to take it for granted! Your hard work is getting noticed and you can expect it to get much talked about. Some folks have trouble handling recognition and success. Right now it can make you especially nervous, raising your deepest insecurities. (Who says Virgos aren't deep?) Those doubts can hone a feisty edge on you, perhaps making you very sharp and perceptive, but if you're giving off that much energy and expecting trouble, you're likely to create your own. Relax. Give others the benefit of the doubt. When you do get edgy try to have a friend handy to talk it out with. *Happy Birthday: Gaetano Amorosi, Frank Dennie, Darrel Haven, Bob Dern, Brian Jones and Rondo Mieczkowski!*

LIBRA: Money and religion are very dangerous topics these days, but if you're up for a good argument just say, "collection plate." (Be careful! That's how the Reformation got started, and we're having the same twice-in-a-millennium placements that they had!) Even though financial matters are heavy on your mind, be open to discussing anything but! (except to professional help). Insecurities are burbling to the surface, and balance is hard, but not impossible to maintain. You can glibly avoid dealing with them by playing the know-it-all, or you can swing to the other extreme by enlisting the nearest poor schlump as your confessor/shrink. (You could even go to a 12-step meeting, do both, and win wide admiration.)

SCORPIO: Temptation and signals are leading you to daring political maneuvers. Nothing will work out the way you expect. Your ploys and stratagems could all backfire or simply lead to unexpected benefits. Success comes with extreme adaptability. Sacrifice a battle or two to win the war. Don't get too cocky. Listen to your friends. Even people you don't think you can trust will have favorable input. The one thing you can count on right now is your erotic reputation. You will be seen as an incredible lover, but be careful of very unwanted attentions and misapprehensions.

SAGITTARIUS: This can be a wonderful time to talk out important ideas with a partner, or a very trusted friend. "Wonderful" is probably overstating it. It would be very constructive, but not at all easy. Everyone has inner conflicts. Yours are now running amok in your relationships, unless you ask your partner(s) to help you work on them. Try to stay on a constructive and highly personal track. You want professional recognition right now. That's not a bad thing, but for now your eagerness for recognition can draw very personal conflicts out into public and create havoc in your professional life. Focus on developing and understanding your own personal power, the strength and depth you have within.

CAPRICORN: This is a great time to get into arguments with your friends—for better or for worse. Concerns about health and mortality may make metaphysical issues very real, cutting very sharply into your life. That can provide an intense clarity which will give you tremendous insights you need to discuss. That sort of discussion will invite all kinds of response. Keep an open mind, and be ready not only for people to disagree, but to learn from their disagreements. Disagreement is hard to take now. You're easily tempted to try to shoot down differences of opinion. Instead try to consider differences of experience and perspective.

AQUARIUS: You're having a creative burst that could be very lovely if enjoyed in private and shared with those who really care. It's not the sort of energy that will play well in your work, even though you would like it so. Watch your mouth very carefully! Your playfulness and intensity can be very disruptive at work and extremely damaging to your reputation. Get yourself a better outlet. You're hungry for attention, but get it from your lover. If you don't have a lover find an *amour du jour*. Private satisfaction will give you a nice charismatic glow which will in turn give you the sort of attention you want at work.

PISCES: Domestic arguments are likely to explode. You're eager to get things into order, but your idea of order doesn't coincide with your roommate's. (Well, when did your idea of order ever match anyone else's?) Discuss chores with anyone you feel should be sharing in them, but be very ready to negotiate. You're tempted to invoke grand principles and clear reasons, but those are just rationalizations. Rather than taking your frustrations out on anyone else, just do as much housework as you feel good about doing and remember above all that you're doing it for yourself.

THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

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AUG 27 / T H U

Get your whistle! The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence will distribute whistles throughout August as part of their antiviolence campaign. Tonight's scheduled location: The Box, Divisadero & Hayes.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Rainbow's End youth group for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth ages 22 & under. 5:30-6 pm drop-in time for first time visitors; 6-7:30 pm group time for everyone. Info: 457-3523 (leave message) or 457-1115.

Co-Topping: Demo Class with Carol Kleinmaier, part of QSM's artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Tops can build the energy for one another, or they can distract one another & make the scene more chaotic. Class deals with issues of communication, competition, rhythm & style. $15. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. 7:30-10 pm. SF location. Info: QSM 550-7776.

Co-Topping, Demo Class by Carol Kleinmaier; spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community: Two tops can help build the energy for one another, or they can distract one another, making the scene more chaotic. Carol discusses issues of communication, competition, rhythm & style. $15. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Info/res: 550-7776.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Therapist Stanley Siegal reads from his new book, *The Patient Who Cured His Therapist.* 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

"Second System: A Collaborative Installation & Invocation," at The Holy Place: Several South of Market visual artists have transformed a warehouse space into an industrial art environment designed to evoke the spirit of SF's Folsom & Harrison streets. Tonight's opening features liturgical artists Animal J Smith & John Neff in an "artists' blessing/system invocation." Everyone is welcome to attend! Space open 7:30-midnight, invocation at 8:30 pm. $6-10 suggested donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Portion of proceeds benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. Info: 979-0242.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Guest speakers: Sonika Tinker, MSW & Debra Rein, MA, of Loveworks, Inc. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260. All women are welcome!

New Horizons Mtg: lesbian/gay/bisexual support group for ages 22-29. Tonight's topic: The Pursuit of Happiness. 7:45-8 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 8-9:30 pm group time for everyone. Call 457-1115 for location info, call 457-3523 to leave a message.

Experimental writer Barbara Einzig reads from her recent work at Modern Times Bookstore. 888 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Author Joyce Elaine Noll discusses *Company of Prophets*, the first book focused on a broad range of psychic & spiritual experiences completely within the context of the African American community. 8 pm, $3-10, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Comedy Night at SFJCC with Terry Sand and the Gefilte Fish Heads. 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Includes audience participation. Info: 346-6040.

Renowned percussionist/composer Samm Bennett in concert at New Langton Arts. 8 pm, $6. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 626-5416.

Rock Against Racism & Scintilla Productions present *Amandla Poets, Fat Dog* and *Rock Against Racism* in an eve of South African world music to benefit pre-election voter registration drive. At Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo & Gilman, Berkeley. 9 pm. Info: (510) 525-5054.

Patrick Lee in "Exotic Fortunes" at Josie's Cabaret. Lee's new one-man play is an intimate & authentically wacky journey through SF's Chinatown that explores cultural, racial, intergenerational, feminist & sexual politics issues with irreverence & humor. Among the guests invited to Uncle Choi's 60th birthday banquet are Anarko, a rebellious college senior with a bad attitude & haircut; his brother Chippie, a psuedo-Valley boy on the verge of a new romantic discovery; and their friend Melanie, a teenager and immigrant whose mother insists that she become a neurosurgeon & marry an electrical engineer. 8 pm, $10. Show runs Thurs-Sun thru 8/30. 3583 16th St. at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

"Saffron," Night of riveting & dynamic contemporary dance, full of athletcism, grace & a touch of the East, with Calif Contemporary Dancers. Choreographed by Yasmen Sorab Mehta. Part of Theater Artaud's Summertime Dance Project. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $12. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Info/res: 621-7797.

At Printers Inc Bookstore: Don Novello aka Lazlo Toth aka Father Guido Sarducci reads from his new collection of letters, a hilarious missive to the corporate egos & political peacocks of the eighties & nineties, *Citizen Lazlo.* 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

D'Cuckoo at Great American Music Hall. 8:30 pm, $9. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

F/X The Club presents the F/X Players in "Agent Cooper's Dream," a gothic dance dreamscape. Performance art dance vignette tribute to David Lynch, set to the music of Julee Cruise, Angelo Badalamenti & Depeche Mode, with video projections & theatrical effects in Lynch style. Dance recreates episode #2 from the first year of the Twin Peak TV series, where Laura Palmer comes back to life along with the little man from another place, to tell Agent Cooper who murdered her. Show plays thru 8/30. For info call (408) 298-6861.

AUG 28 / F R I

5th Annual Harbin Hot Springs Outing with SF Hiking Club: Today thru 8/30. Hike, explore, camp, sunbathe (clothing optional) on 1160 acres of secluded forest, meadows & streams 100 miles north of SF, bordered by Mt Harbin & state forest land. Enjoy two natural, warm mineral water polls, hot mineral pool, sauna, two stream-fed cold plunges & a large cold swimming pool (bathing suits not required). Cost: $23 per person, per 24 hour period. $5 membership fee per car. Vegetarian dinners served for $9.50. Sleep under the stars on a large sun deck, or bring a tent. Hike offered Sunday morning. Info/res: Jim Farrar 285-3760. Transportation cost: $20 plus $2 bridge toll per car, to be shared among passengers.

Lesbian & Gay Suicide Survivors Group, see 8/14 listing for details.

Ballroom Dance Class for gays & lesbians, see 8/14.

MCC-SF Men Together Group meets at 7 pm, followed by social hour. Metropolitan Community Church-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

At Black Oak Books: Stanley Siegel, MSW, co-author (with Ed Lowe, Jr) of *The Patient Who Cured His Therapist & Other Tales of Therapy,* discusses his book. Perfectly sane people sometimes adopt odd strategies to cope with life's vicissitudes, but extended therapy isn't always the answer. Siegel takes a lively, thought-provoking look at therapists & the patients they try to cure. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

MCC-SF HIV Negative Men's Group meets at 7:45 pm. All interested persons are welcome! Metropolitan Community Church-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Sharon McKnight in Concert at Mama Bears: Night of original & traditional Celtic music. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6535 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Red Dora's Bearded Lady Grand Opening Show: Celebrate the opening of SF's newest dyke performance space & gallery. Tonight & tmw at 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Event features performances by Nao Bustamante (Fri), Bashezo, Carrie Field, Kris Kovick (Sat), Miriam Kronberg, Carmela Sojourner & Chea Villanueva. 8 pm, $5-100 SL donation. Info/res: 206-9722.

Patrick Lee in "Exotic Fortunes" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/27.

"Saffron," dance performance at Theater Artaud, see 8/27 listing for details.

Elegant Jellie Dance Troupe presents "Dance Across the Ocean," see 8/21.

At the I-Beam: *Bluchunks* & guests. 1748 Haight St, SF. 9 pm, free. Info: 668-6006.

Club nZinga at El Rio—see 8/14.

O No Coronado! An eve of music, performance, film & video to benefit the completion of Craig Baldwin's counter-Quincentennial film epic, *O No Coronado!* Includes entertainment by: *Pepular Music, La Hija Del Ciego,* Florence Dore & the *Mountain Dew Drops,* Guy Geduldig's *Tsonic Pslams,* a sneak *O Coronado* preview, the film *Shred of Sex* by Greta Snider, film & video clips from Chuck Hudina, Phil Patris & others; plus a special appearance by female rapper MC Spice and the *Ladies of Knowledge.* 9 pm, $5 adv, $6 at door. The Elbow Room, 647 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 558-8112.

Dance with *Pride & Joy* at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 9:30 pm, $10, tonight & tmw. Info/res: 885-0750.

Two Brilliant & Odd young comics (Scott Capurro & Linda Hill) team up for a night of laughs at Josie's Cabaret. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

AUG 29 / S A T

Time to Heal Bike Tour arrives in SF: 8,000 mile bicycle pilgrimage working to raise awareness about the peace process in El Salvador, and raise funds for mental health care and reconstruction aid in that war-torn country. Welcome at the Golden Gate Bridge, followed by a festival at Dolores Park in SF. Info: Central American Mission Partner (510) 644-2267.

Return of the Ropes Course: Sonoma BACW (Bay Area Career Women) bring back their popular ropes courseprepare to thrill your heart & break your limits—"fly" among the treetops at Sonoma State Hospital on Arnold Drive in Glenn Ellen. $35. Paid registration deadline is 8/20. Info/res: Christine (707) 996-1550.

Lesbian/Bi/Gay Day on the Ropes Course in SF: Take Ft Miley 4-H Adventure Ropes Course, an exhilerating series of mentally, physically & emotionally challenging events designed to build confidence & a sense of accomplishment. $37 gen'l, $18 youth ages 18 & under. Limited scholarships available. SF location. Space limited, adv reg required, call 469-7277 for details.

Skyline Gate/Redwood Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller Rd/Lincoln Ave exit. Follow signs to Joaquin Miller Rd. Go east (uphill) on Joaquin Miller approx 1.2 miles. Turn left ontoSkyline Blvd & continue 3.1 miles to parking lot. Meet 9 am. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Garage & Bake Sale spons by the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF. Lots & lots & lots of good stuff! 10 am-4 pm, corner of Church & Market St, SF, in Church Street Station parking lot.

Llumination: The Quest—A game that magically enlivens the Tarot, a dynamic catalyst for accelerated growth. Alexa Young leads you in a full-day session of fun & Llumination. 10 am-5 pm, $55. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Strawberry Canyon Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. 10 am. Info: Adam Sellar (510) 845-4028.

Beginning Tarot Class at Two Sisters Bookshop: Learn to read Tarot cards—class taught by Susan Levitt. Noon-3 pm, $35. 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Info: 331-1028 or 323-4778.

Hunger Pains Project Symposium Speak-Out: Part of the Hunger Pains Project series (see 8/14). Dawn Atkins, researcher, writer, speaker & author of the Santa Cruz anti-looksist legislation gives a presentation, followed by an open audience speak out. $3-5 donation requested. 1 pm. For info/location call (510) 832-7247.

Asian Pacific Families of Lesbians & Gays, a support group dealing with coming out & family issues, holds an open meeting from 3-5 pm at 867 Guerrero St at 21st, SF. All Asian Pacific Islander lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transgenders are welcome. Info: Meibeck 695-9239 or Craig 292-6034.

Benefit Auction for the Mill Valley Film Festival: 5 pm at the Joanne Chappell Gallery. Auctioned art includes work by Roy Lichtenstein, Andy Warhol, Jim Dine, Erte, RC Gorman, Francisco Zuniga, Wolf Kahn, and others. Info: 777-5711.

Benefit Banquet commemorating the living spirit of Huey P Newton & the Black Panther Party, spons by the Nat'l People's Democratic Uhuru Movement. This benefit for the NPDUM Defense Fund will support the campaign to have all the charges dropped against the over 140 demonstrators arrested by the Oakland Police Dept following the Rodney King verdict. Includes speakers & cultural program, plus African style buffet. 6 pm, 4933 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 569-9620.

BWMT Soul Food Dinner Party—Call 826-BWMT for details!

Casino Night '92: Benefit for the AIDS Project of Contra Costa & the AIDS Community Network. 7th annual fundraiser features lots of glamour & entertainment at a black-tie affair held in the hills of the Pacific Bell Bishop Ranch in San Ramon. $85 tix price includes gaming tables & $200 in chips plus nonstop dancing to the *Tongue 'N' Chic Orchestra,* and singing by cabaret favorite Samantha Samuels, buffet dinner, dessert bar, no-host bar, Tarot card readings, raffles, prizes and more! Info: (510) 220-0010.

Red Dora's Bearded Lady Grand Opening Show! See 8/28 listing for details.

Girl's Night Out: Country Western Dance night for women at the Montclair Women's Club in Oakl. 8 pm-midnight, lessons at 8 pm (including "Achy Breaky Heart"). Info: Gerri (510) 428-2144 or Mary Anne (510) 685-3491.

Over Our Heads at Mama Bears: Improv comedy & music with Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marian Damon. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536

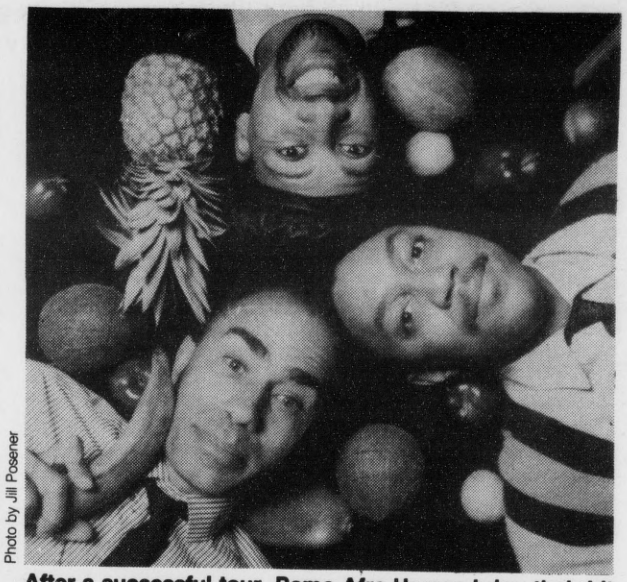

Photo by Jill Posener

After a successful tour, Pomo Afro Homos bring their hit show "Dark Fruit" back to Josie's Cabaret Sept. 4-13. Featured (clockwise from top): Brian Freeman, Djola Banner, Eric Gupton. Calendar has details.

Photo by Donald Jones Photography

Caryn Horwitz presents "No Exit," a "tragicomedy of life in hell," a cross-dressing twist on Sartre's play, at Theatre Rhinocerous Studio Sept. 3-27. See OnStage for info.

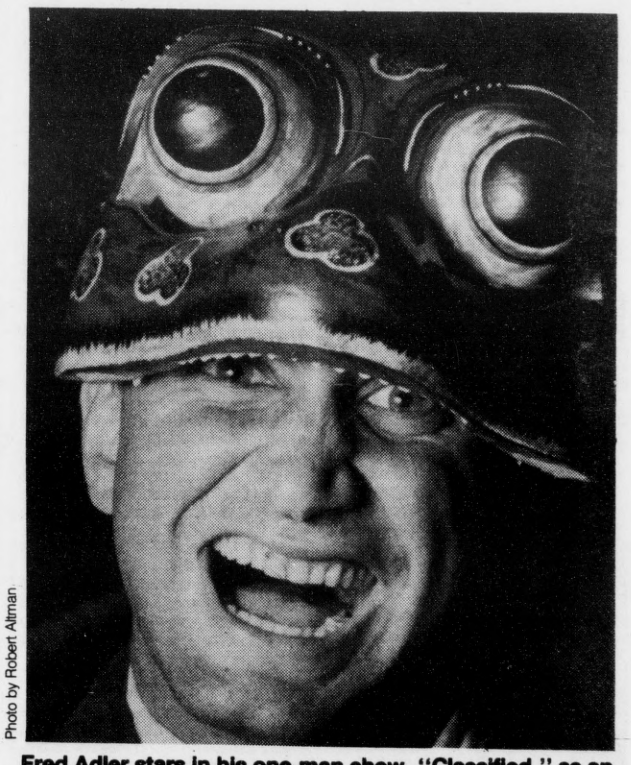

Photo by Robert Altman

Fred Adler stars in his one-man show, "Classified," as an individual asserting his identity in a sea of relationships and media bombardment. Play runs Aug. 27-29 at the Victoria Theatre. Check Onstage for details.

Photo by Richard Lynch

"On the Verge of Optimism III" a black-and-white photo exhibit by Richard Lynch, at Sweet Inspiration Cafe Gallery thru Sept. 16. Galleries has info.

Telegraph Ave, Oakl.
Elegant Jellie Dance Troupe presents "Dance Across the Ocean," see 8/21 listing for details.
Patrick Lee in "Exotic Fortunes" at Josie's Cabaret. See 8/27 for details.
At the I-Beam: *Buck Naked & the Bare Bottom Boys*, plus Elvis Herselvis! 9 pm, $5. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.
Pride & Joy at Great American—final night! See 8/28 for details.
An all-woman show with one man at El Rio—*Malibu Barbi, Kobalt Blue* with Shred Mistress Rynata, *Mud Women*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
"The London Do," at Colossus: Features top London dj Luke Howard and the UK's most notorious dance group, "The West End Go-Go Boys." 1015 Folsom St at 6th, SF. Info: 431-0700.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Scott Capurro, Mark Davis & Lisa Geduldig. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res 861-7933.

AUG 30 / SUN

Get your whistle! See 8/27 listing for details.
Mt Tam Hike with SF Hiking Club. Hike crosses the high ridge of Mt Tam near West & Middle Peaks, the two lesser-known peaks of the mountain, on shaded trails on the mountain's upper north side. Mostly moderate, with two strenuous climbs of 500 ft each. Total mileage 8-10 miles, depending on route options & the group's wishes, total elevation gain 2200 ft. Bring lunch, plenty of water & sunscreen. Hiking boots advisable. Car mileage 30 miles, bridge toll $3, total cost $6 per car, to be shared among passengers. Meet 9:45 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF. Info: Felix Smith 255-1420, before 11 pm.
Presidio Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Noon. Info: Adam Sellar (510) 845-4028.
Welcome Back to the Ave Street Fair: Telegraph Ave Cultural Street Fair, co-spons by the City of Berkeley, Telegraph Ave Merchants Assoc, UC Berkeley & several community activists. The Avenue comes alive with lots of craftspeople, booths, street performers, activities for kids, food & entertainment with *The Gospel Hummingbirds* (1-3 pm) and *The Resistors* (3-5 pm). Noon-6 pm.
Styles of Play, Pt 2: Class/Demo, part of QSM's artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Tony DeBlase demonstrates "Top Spaces," Ann Soucy-West does "Mindfuck," Jennie Blade is "The Happy & Seductive Sadist." Doors open 12:30 pm, class 1-4 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Info: 550-7776.
Cuban Music at El Rio with *Tumbao y Cuerdas*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous) Mtg: For Jews in recovery from addiction, and their significant others. Monthly discussion on 12-Step programs, with focus on recovery explored in the context of Jewish perspectives. 6-7:30 pm, free. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: Claire Silver 346-6040, ext 240.
Jamedy '92: A Cabaret of Jazz & Comedy to benefit the SF chapter of the ACLU. The American Civil Liberties Union presents an eve of fine comedy & jazz with comics Will Durst, Margaret Cho, Lank & Earl and Ed Marques; and jazz artists John Handy with *Class*, Kitty Margolis, Joyce Cooling, Bruce Foreman and Mel Martin's *Bebop & Beyond*, plus special guests David Janeway & Danny Spencer. 6 pm-midnight at Bimbo's 365 Club, 1025 Columbus, SF. Advance tix: $20 gen'l, $10 seniors & students over 21. Day of Show: $22 gen'l, $12 srs & stdnts. Tix at BASS. Info: (510) 762-2277.
All-woman band, *Different Touch*, plays Brazilian jazz, salsa & original music 7-9 pm at the Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave at Addison, Berkeley. Tix $8 at door. Dinner served from 5:30-7 pm. Info/res: (510) 428-0932.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) Mtg: Singers, comics & musicians are welcome. Call Jon 731-2424 for info/location.
Bondage Party spons by Bondage Buddies for guys into bondage & interested partyboys in a fully equipped play space. 8 pm, $10. Info: 292-3228.
Patrick Lee in "Exotic Fortunes" at Josie's Cabaret—Final performance! See 8/27 listing for details.
"Another Rubber: Another Man," Asian AIDS Project's Rubber Club event—features dating game, performances & go-go dancers, don't miss! 9:30 pm at N' Touch, 1548 Polk St nr Sacramento, SF. Info: 227-0946.

AUG 31 / MON

1st Annual Pint-A-Thon spons by HEAR (Hearing Education & Awarness for Rockers) and Spike's Cafe: Come drink some beer, have a little fun... proceeds benefit HEAR's program to increase public awareness of the hazards of repeated exposure to high volume music. 6 pm-midnight at Spike's Cafe, 139 8th St at Minna, SF. Info: 441-9081 or 255-1392.
Danny Glover, Jan Mirikitani & Raye Richardson in a performance of poetry & dramatic readings to benefit the campaign of Dr Ahimsa Sumchai for the SF Community College Board. This will be Glover's last American appearance before leaving for Zimbabwe to film a new movie. 6-8 pm at The Club, Delancy Street Foundation, Embarcadero at Brannan St, SF. Tix: $100 patron, $50 sponsor, $35 general admission. Info: 824-5963.
Bi-Friendly SF meets at 7:30 pm for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! 7 pm. Info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.
"Women, Patriarchy & Mental Health: Therapy & Psychiatry in an Atmosphere of Abuse" an open discussion & action planning for women's self-defense & emotional well-being, spons by WHAM (Women's Health Action Mobilization). 7:30 pm at New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. All women are welcome. Info: 985-7141.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Maria Falzone. 8 pm, $4, Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
At Cody's Books: Author Huston Smith (*The Religions of Man*) discusses his provocative book of essays on comparative philosophy, religion & culture, *Huston Smith: Essays on World Religion*. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
BATS (Bay Area Theatresports) present a full-length, two-act improvised musical tonight at Ed Hastings Theater (ACT Playroom), 450 Geary St btwn Mason & Taylor, SF. 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $7 stdnts. Info/res: 824-8220.
FISH SKETCH Comedy Theater at El Rio with Ron Lynch, Barry Lank & Jim Earl, Carrie Collier, Andrea Lee, Don Perazzo, Bill Burnat, Tim Ostrander, Eby Parker and Gary Hobish. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Rock/Jazz/Electric with *Zero* and *Mad Hatter*. 9 pm, $7 at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.
Women's Needs Center Benefit: At the Paradise Lounge, 301 11th St, SF. *Step Children, Quagmire, Galaxy Chamber* and *Royal None Such*. 10 pm, $3. See you there!

SEP 1 / TUE

Rape Survivors Support Group spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program. 12-wk group looks at how sexual assault has affected the lives of group members. Emphasis on empowering rape survivors to take control of their lives. Group limited to 8 women. $5-25 SL fee, per session. For time, location & other info call 476-5222. Pre-reg required.
"Beyondance," a talk by Yolanda Weisberg. 7 pm at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Meet the Goddess of Ten Thousand Names: Ongoing (Tues, wkly) series of drop-in classes for women. Tonight's class focuses on creation goddesses—Shekinah, Shakti, Nu Kwa, Nammu, Spiderwoman, Pasowee & Changing Woman. Meet each Goddess personally, thru ritual & information sharing. 7-10 pm, $20-30. SL available, no one turned away for lack of funds. Beginners welcome! Near MacArthur BART. Call Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & certified hypnotherapist, for info: (510) 652-6355.
Gay Men's Sketch: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by African American artist Stan Stone. 7 pm, $12. Info/res: 621-6294.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & covnersation tonight & 9/8, 15, 22 & 29 at the Bison Brewery, 2589 Telegraph at Parker. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Jeff Thompson & Joseph Leonardi in "One of These Days..." at Josie's Cabaret. Frank & Ted, the sons of *The Honeymooners'* Ralph Kramden & Ed Norton are here, are queer, and the world better get used to it. Hilarious tale of two working class roommates trying to make ends meet in more ways than one. Plays Tues-Thurs tonight thru 9/10 at 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Lavender Lounge, the Queer American Bandstand, debuts a new show tonight, 10-11 pm. Shot at the Pleasuredome, the show features stripper Mark Miller, music by Rex Richard, and the fabulous Pussy Tourette. SF cable channel 51.

SEP 2 / WED

Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets at 2:30 pm. Today's topic: S/M—Pain or Pleasure? Facilitated by George Birimisa. Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Info: 626-7000 v/tty.
BACW Course in Miracles: Join Bay Area Career Women's ongoing study group (9/2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 this month) promoting personal & spiritual growth. Newcomers welcome! 7-9 pm. Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.
Lymphatic & Visceral Massage: Lecture/demo by Patricia Wiltse. Learn how to clear toxins from the body, enhance the immune system. Beneficial for HIV, chronic fatigue, allergies & other conditions. 7 pm, free. Spons by Alive & Well! Institute for Conscious Bodywork, 100 Shaw Dr, San Anselmo. Info: 250-0402.
SF Hiking Club monthly mtg/social: 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, on Collingwood near 18th St (next to Cala Market, 1 block west of Castro).
SF Hiking Club Monthly Mtg & Social: 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Center, Collingwood nr 18th St (next to Cala Market), SF. Clyde Wahrhaftig shows slides from past day & weekend hikes.
Bisexual Rap Group at Spectrum: 7:30-9 pm, $5 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Social hour at local cafe follows rap. 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd #12, San Anselmo. Info: 457-1115 or 647-3055.
Jeff Thompson & Joseph Leonardi in "One of These Days..." at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/1.

SEP 3 / THU

13th Annual West Coast Women's Music & Comedy Festival: Join thousands of women in the woods for 5 days of music, comedy, theater, speakers & fun! Beautiful private wooded camp in the foothills of Yosemite. Giant swimming pool, lake & river. For tix & other info call (818) 893-4075.
Rainbow's End, lesbian/gay/bisexual support group for youth ages 14-22, meets today & 9/10, 17 & 24: 5:30-6 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors; 6-7:30 pm group time for everyone. Call 457-1115 for location info, call 457-3523 to leave a message (picked up every Thurs eve).
Union Demonstration: 6:30-7:30 pm, outside H's Lordship's Restaurant in the Berkeley Marina. Spons by Hotel & Restaurant Employees Union Local 28. Call (510) 893-3181 for details.
Marin BACW Business Mtg: Come help Bay Area Career Women make some choices for the fall! 7-9:30 pm. Info/location: Sharon 453-9317/
Environmental Health Network monthly support mtg features a talk by Dr Richard Kunin, MD, orthomolecular physician & psychiatrist, on "Chemical Sensitivity & Autoimmune Disease." Kunin discusses the impact of everyday environmental hazards & the role of key nutrients in treatment. 7 pm, donations accepted. No perfumes, scents or fragrances, please. First Unitarian Church, Geary at Franklin, SF. Info: 541-5075.
Project Open Hand/PAWS Auction: Over 100 autographed items donated by top recording artists (Metallica, The Cure, REM, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Elton John, Peter Gabriel, Aerosmith, Janet Jackson, the Grateful Dead, Eric Clapton, Depeche Mode) auctioned off in a benefit for Project Open Hand & Pets Are Wonderful Support. 7:30 pm at Club DV8 in SF. Auction tix $7. Tix at BASS or call 824-4040. **New Horizons**, lesbian/gay/bisexual support group for ages 22-29, meets tonight & 9/10, 17 & 24. 7:45-8 pm drop-in for first-time visitors, 8-9:30 pm group time for everyone. For location info call 457-1115. Call 457-3523 to leave a message (picked up every Thurs).
Pilot Project dance series at New Performance Gallery: Night of new work by Diane Aurelius, Julie Goodnough, Colleen Madden, Joanne Nerenberg, Jeff Porter & Mike Wladika. 8 pm, $5/ 3153 17th St at Shotwell, SF. Info/res: 863-9830.
Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author (*The Dream Book, Be Your Own Guru*), lectures on "Be Your Own Guru: Empowering the Self from Within." 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. WA. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.
The Jesters vocal trio in concert at the York Hotel, 940 Sutter St, SF, tonight thru 9/12 at 8 pm. Tix: 885-2800.
Jeff Thompson & Joseph Leonardi in "One of These Days... " at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/1 for details.
At El Rio tonight: Chili & Spice, a new dj dance party. 9 pm-2 am, $3. Salsa & hip hop with dj Chili (of Colors fame). Info: 282-3325.

SEP 4 / FRI

The Federation of Gay Games marks the 10th anniversary of the Gay Games during its annual meeting in San Francisco, today thru 9/6. Gay Games IV will be held in New York City in June of 1994. Representatives from the Board of Directors of New York in '94 will update Federation members on plans for the New York Games. Also, as part of the anniversary celebration, the Gay Bands of America present a "Battle of the Swing Bands" concert. The Games were founded in 1982 by the late Tom Wadell, MD. Info: Federation of Gay Games (206) 329-4260.
Ballroom Dance Class for gays & lesbians: Beginners, 7-8 pm, $8 per class. Tonight & 9/11 & 18 at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St at 11th, SF. Info: 995-4962.
Women's Country Western Dance Class in the Eastbay: 7-9 pm tonight & 9/11. Info: Gerri (510) 428-2144.
Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & women friends: Let go of the week & your work, bring in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. No scents, please. For location & directions call (510) 527-2105 before this day, for other info call (415) 647-7209.
Dance Ranch: Night of two-stepping & line dancing, no experience or partner needed. 7:30-9:30 pm, $3. Refreshments served. At Eureka Valley Rec Center (Collingwood & 18th), SF. Soft soled shoes requested. Info: Western Star Dancers 821-0862.
Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," at Josie's Cabaret: Pomo Afro Homos, the SF-based performance group of Black gay men, return to Josie's with their hit show, after a smash engagement in London. Porn novels, personal narratives & media madness provide the backdrop as writer/performers Brian Freeman, Eric Gupton & Djola Bernard Branner savage the contradictions of Black gay life with intelligence & outrageous humor. Play runs 9/4-13 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows tonight & 9/11. $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
At the I-Beam: *Blow Fly*, plus special guests. 9 pm, $7. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.
Club nZinga at El Rio: World beat dance party with dj Mongrel. 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

SEP 5 / SAT

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take 23rd Ave exit off Hwy 880 to Kennedy St (merges briefly with 23rd), turning right onto Park St. Cross Park St bridge into Alameda, continue on Park thru town to Otis. Turn left on Otis, follow across bridge. Turn right onto Island Drive and immediately right onto Veterans Court. Meet 9 am at end of court. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
2nd Annual Festival of the Babes: Lesbian-positive soccer tournament. All lesbians, and women willing to be mistaken for lesbians, are welcome! Soccer tournament plus several cultural events—parties, musical entertainment, limerick contests & special prizes—"Most Notorious Ringer," "Ugliest Shorts," etc. Skill is less important than a desire to have fun. Participants may register in teams or as individuals. Team reg is $100, individual reg $10. Spons by Follies Soccer Club. For info/reg write: Festival of the Babes, Club Follie, 442 48th St, Oakl 94609.
26th Renaissance Pleasure Faire: Runs weekends thru 10/11 at Black Point Forest in Novato (40 min north of SF). Experience the games, language, food & magic of Renaissance England. Elizabethan costumes are welcome! Info: (800) 52-FAIRE.
Labor Day Show at El Rio with *Zircus, Mermen, Mudwimin* and *Hyper Drive Kittens*. Afternoon show includes BBQ! 4-8 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Reading by members of Bo Huston's writing class. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Free. Info: 431-0891.
Betsy Rose, singer/songwriter & environmental activist, presents an evening of music celebrating the power of healing & recovery. 8 pm, $12 at IMA Cultural Center/Studio Retreat, in Bodega. For directions & other info call (707) 876-3004.
At the I-Beam: *Psychefunkapus* plus special guests. 9 pm, $7. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Marilyn Pittman, Scott Silverman & Maureen Brownsey. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

SEP 6 / SUN

Artists' Wkshop with Frank Gannon: Learn the art of seeing & painting color & light, with "tried & true" painting exercises. 11 am-5 pm, $35. Wkshop held the first Sun of each month. Info/location: (707) 887-1858.
Booking Basics Wkshop spons by the Institute for the Musical Arts. Led by Jodi Sager, founder of Harmony Network Booking & Productions. 1-3 pm, $25. IMA Center/Studio Retreat in Bodega. Info: (707) 876-3004.
Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Grupo Sinigual*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
At A Different Light Bookstore: A discussion of socialism from a queer perspective, with contributors to *The Socialist Review* and other interested parties. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Free. Info: 431-0891.
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"Dreams: Toward the Next Rainbow," A gala musical celebration in honor of the 10th anniversaries of the Lesbian & Gay Bands of America and Gay Games I. Features 300 musicians representing 23 gay bands from across the country. Also special appearance by *Deuce*, female jazz fusion duo & popular SF cabaret artists Lisa Gray, Samm Gray, David Kelsey & Gail Wilson. Hosted by Dick Sargent, star of TV's popular '60s TV series, "Bewitched," and SF funnywoman Margareet Cho. 7:30 pm. Tix $100, $50, $25, $20, $15, $10 & $5. Proceeds benefit the Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts & Gay Games IV. Tix at BASS (510) 762-BASS or call (415) 392-4400. For $100 tix call (415) 621-6557. SIGN. WA. SF Civic Auditorium, Polk St at Grove, SF. See you there!
Melissa Etheridge in Concert at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. 7:30 pm, $22.50. Info/res: 541-0800.
Middle Eastern Music by Doug & DeAnn Adams of *Light Rain*. 8 pm, two-drink minimum. The Grapeleaf

parents & kids box

Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Single moms are welcome! Eastbay & SF mtgs. Call Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711 for info.
Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Picnic at Heart's Desire Beach, Tomales Bay State Park. 9/19, noon-4 pm. Entrance fee $5 per car. Bring lunch for your family, and a dish to share. No dogs allowed on beach. Info: 457-1115.
Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Fri nights from dusk to 11 pm for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies & more thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope, and on Sat mornings from 10 am-noon for solar viewing thru a 6-inch refractor telescope. Free. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway around the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.
Storytime at Cody's series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852. Call to confirm reading schedule.
Sharon Art Studio offers a variety of classes for kids, youth & adults: Glass, beading, Indian beading, ceramics, drawing, life drawing, watercolor, jewelry & more. Reasonable fees, scholarships available. Call 753-7006 for info. Located next to the Carousel in Children's Playground, near Bowling Green & tennis courts, Golden Gate Park, SF.
Richmond Art Center offers classes & wkshops for children & adults in a wide variety of visual arts media. Center is within walking distance from Richmond BART Station. Info: 620-6772.
Welcome Back to the Avenue: Telegraph Avenue Cultural Street Fair in Berkeley (see Main Calendar listing, 8/30). Fair includes special activities for kids—face-painters, jugglers, etc.
6th Annual Oakland Ballet Family Matinee Performance: 9/7 at 1 pm. Program: *Bolero, Hansel & Gretel, Trois Gymnopedies, Le Train Bleu* (excerpts), *Nutcracker* (excerpts). Bring the kids to experience world-class dance! "Meet the Dancers" reception after program.

Restaurant, 4031 Balboa St, SF. Info/res: 668-1515.
Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," at Josie's, see 9/4.

SEP 7 / MON

Free Weenie Roast for needy gay men & lesbians, 4-6 pm at Gay Community Services, 585 Grove St, SF. Info: 431-4466.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Sabrina Matthews. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome!. Info: Pierre 753-0687.

SEP 8 / TUE

Take & Hike with Marin BACW: Bay Area Career Women hike at Richardson Bay Park, Tiburon. 6:30 pm, $1. Info: Elizabeth 388-4788.
New Asian & Pacific Islander Gay Men's Group meets 6:30-8 pm for 8 weeks, beginning tonight. Limited to 8. Participants should be able to attend all meetings. Newcomers welcome! At Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.
Medicinal Plants: Survey of 160 Herbs: 17-wk class covers individual medicinal plants in detail. 7-9:30 pm, $180-310 SL fee. Info/res: Adam Seller (510) 845-4028.
"Opening to Intuitive Guidance through Your Natal Horoscope," presentation by Govinda at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm. Info: 775-0227.
Meet the Goddess of Ten Thousand Names: ongoing series of classes for women. Tonight's class focuses on love & fertility goddesses—Venus, Aphrodite, Oshun, Rati, Ishtar, Astarte, Asherah. See 9/1 listing for details.
Gay Men's Sketch: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model. 7 pm, $12. Info/res: 621-6294.
Rounds Singing for Women Class: Learn beautiful rounds of love, work, play, spirit & freedom, in many languages, from many countries. Haunting harmonies, complex rhythms to make you swoon. No musical experience necessary. Berkeley class meets Tues nights, 7:15-9 pm. SF class meets Thurs nights, 7:15-9 pm. For class & fee info call Kay 285-9642.
Sylvia Lopez-Medina reads from her new novel, *Cantora,* the story of four generations of Mexican & Mexican-American women who defy and preserve the traditions of their cultures. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets at 7:30 pm, see 9/1 listing for details.
Jeff Thompson & Joseph Leonardi in "One of These Days... " at Josie's, see 9/1.

SEP 9 / WED

Older Lesbians Drop-in Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-2 pm today & 9/23. Bag lunches welcome. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000 v/tty.
Women Over 40 Facing Transitions: First meeting of a 6-week class. An opportunity to look at your life with creativity, vision & planning. tuaght by Matile Rothschild. Offered by SFCC. Free. Sunset, SF location. Info: 826-6230.
Midlife Lesbian Support Group spons by Options for Women Over 40: Focus on personal issues—midlife transitions, sex, relationshps, health, aging & change. 8 wk group facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low cost. Info/reg: Options 431-6405.
NGLTF Mtg: Local unit of the Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month (today & 9/23) at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 6:30 pm.
SF History Series, a 14-wk, 2-hr lecture/discussion with Charles Fracchia, president of the SF Historical Society, begins tonight at 7 pm in Toland Hall, UCSF. 533 Parnassus, SF. Free! Accessible by Muni lines 6, 43 and N Judah.
BACW Course in Miracles: Join Bay Area Career Women's ongoing study group promoting personal & spiritual growth. 7-9 pm tonight & 9/16, 23 & 30. Newcomers welcome! Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.
Physiology for the Herbalist Class: Gain understanding of basic human physiology, understanding of body systems in health & disease. Wed eves, 7-10 pm, thru 12/23. $216-$372 SL fee. Info/reg: (510) 845-4028.
Bondage Party spons by Bondage Buddies for guys into bondage & interested partyboys in a fully equipped play space. 8 pm, $10. Info/location: 292-3228.
Jeff Thompson & Joseph Leonardi in "One of These Days..." at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/1.
Joan Armatrading in Concert at Berkeley Community Theatre. 8 pm, $22.50. Info/res: 541-0800.

SEP 10 / THU

Women's Sexuality: Beyond Stereotypes. Panel discussion with women who believe that sexually explicit material can enhance women's sexuality and "expand the definition of women's sexuality beyond stereotypes of naive disinterest or hopeless romanticism to include whatever a woman chooses." Panelists include: Nina Hartley, RN, BSN, sex entertainer, writer, educator & producer; Joani Blank, sex educator & founder of Good Vibrations; Lisa Palac, writer & editor of *Future Sex* magazine; and Susie Bright, author, critic & sex activist. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Noon-1 pm, free. Cole Hall, UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Booksigning 1-1:30 pm. Info: 476-0400.
Men's Friendship Group meets 2:45 pm today & 9/24 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000 v/tty.
Rainbow's End, lesbian/gay/bisexual youth support group, meets tonight, see 9/3.
HIV Dementia: The Challenge of Caregiving: An educational/support series for the partners, friends & family members of persons with HIV dementia or related neurological impairments; presented by the Family Survival Project, in cooperation with Homecare Companions, the UCSF AIDS Care Study & Kairos House. Thursday nights, 7-9:30 pm, thru 10/15 at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Ctr, Castro & Duboce, SF. September schedule: 9/10: Overview of HIV Dementia; 9/17: Medications & the Treatment of Dementia; 9/24: Behavior Management Strategies. Space limited, pre-reg suggested. $30 fee for entire 6-wk series, some scholarships available. Info: Laura Cole 434-3388.
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Getting Your Scene to Soar: Class with Dossie Easton, part of QSM's artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Having a great scene involves more than just the skillful & safe use of toys. Dossie shows how both tops & bottoms can help a scene to ignite. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. $15. SF location. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Call 550-7776 for info.
At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore: Julia Hutton discusses her book, *Good Sex*, in which 80 people tell their own sexual stories. 7:30 pm, free. Refreshments served. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Collective reading by women confronting the deaths of their mothers. 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
New Horizons, lesbian/gay/bisexual support group for ages 22-29—see 9/3 listing for details.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Local contributors to *Telling It Like It Is,* the long-awaited lesbian of color issue of *Sinister Wisdom*, read & discuss their lives & work. 8 pm, $3-10, proceeds benefit OWT's Women's Voices series, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.
Jeff Thompson & Joseph Leonardi in "One of These Days.." hit comedy about Frank & Ted, sons of *The Honeymooners'* Ralph Kramden & Ed Norton, two queer working class roommates trying to make ends meet in more ways than one. 8 pm, $10. Final performance! 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

on stage

Ladies' Room by Robin Schiff. A hilarious & sexy comedy with a modern message about dating & friendship. Play takes place in the women's room of a swinging Mexican restaurant during happy hour. An exploration of where women today are going, or not going, in their working & personal lives. At Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St btwn Powell & Mason, SF. Info/res: 433-9500. Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sat & Sun at 3 pm, Sun eves at 7:30 pm. Don't miss!
True West by Sam Shepard. Powerful dramatization of the long-festering rivalry between two brothers. Double Mask production. Regular performances Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $12; Sun at 7 pm, $10; thru 9/13. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.
2nd Annual Summer Theatre Festival presented by Bennett Theatre Lab features 7 one-act plays & 12 scenes from contemporary & classic theatre. Fri & Sat evenings thru 9/12. $7-12 SL fee, 4 performances for $20, no one turned away for lack of funds. Bennett Theatre Lab, 1014 Howard St btwn 6th & 7th, SF. Info/res: 863-6701.
Der Wildschutz by Albert Lortzing. Delightful German comic opera plays 8/29 at 8 pm; 8/30 at 2 pm. Berkeley Opera production. Hillside Club Theater, 2286 Cedar St, Berkeley. Info/res: 524-5256.
Ethel's on Broadway New musical from B.B. & Deaf Cat productions, the producers of Psycho the Musical and What Ever Happened to BB Jane? open-ended run at the On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Fri & Sat at 11:30 pm, tix $7. Info/res: 626-KILL, 398-1541.
Pains of Youth by Ferdinand Bruckner. Written in Germany in 1926, the play voices the frustration & disillusionment of youth in a world that is hopelessly out of joint. Mirror Theatre Co production. Runs Fri & Sat 8/28 & 29; Thurs-Sat 9/3-5, 10-12 at 8 pm. Tix $10. Somar Theatre, 934 Brannan St, SF. Info: 476-8333.
Classified by Fred Adler. Solo performer Fred Adler presents "Classified," a semi-autobiographical work following the madcap mishaps of a lost soul in search of a job, and "Ice," a fantastical adaptation of the first 30 pages of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude*. Runs Thurs-Sat 8/27-29 at 8 pm at Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St, SF. Tix $10 Thurs, $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 863-7576.
Yes, I Can, Philip Horvitz's musical retelling of Sammy Davis Jr's brush with tragedy on a desert highway. At MACE, 1319 Pine at Hyde, SF. Mon & Tues thru 9/1 at 8:30 pm. Tix $5 Info/res: 931-9670.
The Will Rogers Follies. National touring production of the Tony Award-winning musical, a highly visual account of the life of the famed folk hero, performer & cowboy-philosopher. Previews 8/25 at 8 pm & 8/26 at 2 pm. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm. Tix: $55 orchestra & loge, $48 mezzanine, $32 balcony. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS. Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St at Golden Gate & Market, SF.
Richard III, Royal National Theatre of Great Britain's acclaimed production of William Shakespeare's play runs thru 9/13. Sir Ian McKellen plays Richard III, the tyrannical monarch who ruthlessly manipulates or discards anyone in his path, in this production which twists a classic tale of royal villany into a chilling political thriller, a very modern nightmare. Wed-Sat at 7:30 pm, Sat & Sun matinees at 1:30 pm. Runs 8/19-23, 8/25-9/13. Tix $50 orchestra & loge, $45 mezzanine, $25 balcony. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St, SF. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS.
The Smell of Guilt by Lydia Lunch & Emilio Cubeiro. Linda Serbu Productions. Intense drama exposes the connections between religion, sex & violence in a frightening, yet sometimes comedic format. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, thru 9/12. Tix $7-10 SL. At the Above Brainwash Theatre, 1126 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 255-6856.
Fred Astaire in Rehearsal, a new show created by Michael Smuin and Daniel Levenstein, featuring the music of Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern and others. Runs Wed-Fri at 8:30 pm, Sat at 3 & 8:30 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 8/30. At Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St, SF. Tix $10-15. Info/res: 989-9132.
Psycho: the Musical by Wayne Buidens, with original music & lyrics by Mark Sargent. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm in August. Closes 8/31. On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Info/res: 626-KILL, 398-1541.
What Ever Happened to BB Jane? Musical designed & directed by Wayne Buidens, produced by J2M Productions. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Play re-opens 9/3, final show 9/26. Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St nr Mission BART Station. Tix $13 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 863-7576, and at BASS.
The Weekend by TM Day. Play focuses on 4 women, 3 days, 2 passions and 1 overriding theme—the witty, often irreverent & sometimes erotic language of women together. Runs 8/27-30 & 9/3-6 at 8 pm. Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 441-5706.
M Butterfly by David Henry Hwang. This Tony award-winning play is a brilliant exploration of love & politics. Drama tells the story of a French diplomat's relationshiop with a glamorous Chinese opera star who is eventually revealed to be a spy—and a man. Theatreworks Production. Runs thru 9/6. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, corner of Castro & Mercy, Mountain View. Tix $12-$22. For showtimes & other info call 903-6000.
Prisoner in Your Own Home four short plays in revolving repertory by Amy Freed, Val Hendrickson, Brian Lohmann, John Wilk & Brenda Yungeberg. SF Theatre Project production. Runs Thurs-Sat thru 9/4 at 10:30 pm. Climate Theatre, 292 9th St, SF. Tix $7.50. Info/res: 626-9196.
Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka, adapted by Steven Berkoff. In this adaptation, Gregor Samsa, the commercial traveler who awakens one morning to find himself transformed into a gigantic dung beetle, is no longer a lost, alienated soul consumed by the terror of living, but is instead the martyred victim of a greedy, parasitic society symbolized by his father. SF Theatre Project production. Runs Wed-Sun thru 9/5. Climate Theatre, 292 9th St, SF. Tix $10-$15. Info/res: 626-9196.
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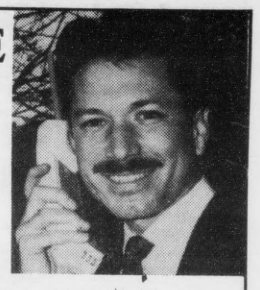

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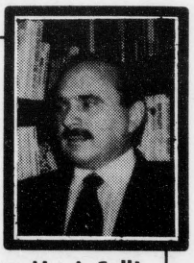

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6th season with a forum on Theatre & Politics at The Marsh. The 8/27 forum addresses the current state of the arts & how the current political scene fuels artists' work. Panelists include David Dower of Z Collective, Joan Holden of the SF Mime Troupe & others. Tix $7. The Marsh, 968 Valencia St nr 21st, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Punch!, a Dell'Arte Players production, based on seasonal celebrations & folk traditions that found their way into European theater thru Commedia dell'Arte. A family of Pulcinellas encounters two prattling politicians as they celebrate Carnivale, and a mock battle ensues between Lent & Carnivale. Play uses masks, acrobatics, bawdy humor & spirited hi-jinks to explore the timeless battle between freedom & restraint. Opens 9/10 at 8 pm, runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 9/20, with added 2 pm matinee on 9/20. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-8542.

Owls by Nature, a new black comedy written & performed by Theatre Au Naturel. An intimate comedy about a woman whose infant has been kidnapped by owls. Opens 8/28, runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm thru 9/13. Tix $10. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa, SF. Info/res: 621-0507.

No Exit by Jean-Paul Sartre. Caryn Horwitz presents a cross-dress production of the existentialist classic about life in hell. Plays runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm, 9/3-27. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Original Sins, a surreal vaudeville in six lewd acts by The Non-Performing Group. Works includes Alfred Jarry's *The Supermale*, about a lustful host attempting to provoke his party guests into an orgy; Guillaume Apollinaire's *The Breasts of Tiresius*, about the confusion occurring when the good wife, Therese, sheds her breasts to become the soldier, Tiresius; and Antonin Artaud's *The Spurt of Blood*, a manic & violent 3-min play. All three plays are intermingled, creating an entirely new organism. A Bindlestiff production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 9/3-26 at Bindlestiff Studio, 185 6th St at Howard, SF. Tix $7. Info/res: 974-1167.

SOS: Comedy for These Urgent Times by Culture Clash, Chicano-Latino comedy theater trio. Production inspired by the LA uprising following last April's Rodney King verdict. A "double-edged call of distress" delivered thru satire, comedy, rap, stand-up and performance art. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, 9/2-20. Tix $12 Wed & Sun, $14 Thurs & Fri, $16 Sat. $10 stdnts with ID. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.

Medusa's Last Stand by Colm Wood. A Megalomaniac business woman, frustrated at being stuck in a middle management position because of her gender, plans a new society in which her male secretary will be the prototype servant and she will be the absolute master. Theatre Pomegranate production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, 9/18-10/10. Tix $4-8 SL. 495 Clementina btwn 5th & 6th, Folsom & Howard, SF. Info/res: 512-7965.

Abundance by Beth Henley. The story of two mail-order brides who survive the hostile environment of the male-dominated frontier. Actors Theatre production. Previews 9/6 & 9 at 8 pm, $7. Opens 9/10 at 8 pm, $14. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 10/18. Tix $14 Thurs & Sun, $16 Fri & Sat. Matinees 9/27, 10/4 & 10/11 at 2 pm, $14. The Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

Speed the Plow by David Mamet. High-velocity comedy set in contemporary Hollywood's Valley of the Deals. Berkeley Repertory Theatre production. Previews 9/4, 5 & 8 at 8 pm, 9/6 at 7 pm. Opens 9/9 at 8:30 pm; runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 10/23. Sat matinees at 2 pm on 9/12, 9/26 & 10/10. Thurs matinees at 2 pm on 9/17, 10/1, 15 & 22. Tix: $19 previews, $31 opening night, $24 Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sun; $31 Fri & Sat, $23 matinees. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison at Shattuck, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Cole! a song & dance celebration of the music of Cole Porter, plays at the Marines Memorial Theatre for limited engagement, beginning mid-Aug. San Jose Rep Theatre production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sat & Sun at 2 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Tix: $18-$32. 609 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 771-6900.

Comedy & Musical Entertainment with Mark Peters & Madame at the Blue Muse, 409 Gough St nr Hayes, SF. 8/27-29, 9/2-5. 9 pm, with extra 10:45 pm show on Fri & Sat. Tix $10, two-drink minimum. Info/res: 626-7505.

Forgotten People: 4 One-Act Plays by Tennessee Williams, presented by the Williams Project. Runs Thurs-Sat, 8/27-29; 9/3-5, 10-12, 24-26 at 8 pm; Sun 9/27 at 2 & 7 pm; Mon 9/28 at 8 pm. Bannam Place Theatre, 50B Bannam Place, btwn Union & Gree, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 986-2701.

galleries

Photo by Diana Smith

The Eye Gallery presents a benefit exhibit, "Street Children of Guatemala/The Work of Seven Photographers," on display thru Aug. 30. See Galleries for details.

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Masterpieces of 19th Century Photography from the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts," on exhibit thru 9/1. "Master European Paintings," from the National Gallery of Ireland, 9/19-12/6. "Expressions of Place: The Art of William Stanley Haseltine, thru 9/20. "Viewpoints XVIII: Frank Lobdell," works by the abstract expressionist & Bay Area teacher; thru 9/27. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "Jackson Pollock: Psychoanalytic Drawings," on exhibit thru 8/30; 40 works drawn from a total of 83 drawings Pollock submitted to his analyst during psychotherapy sessions between 1939-1940. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

SF Art Institute: Annual Exhibition "9," art by Marlene Angeja, Ann Chamberlain, Gail Chase-Bien, Marjorie Franklin, Kathleen Jesse, Susan Mabel Maney, Charlene Milgrim, Chikako Okada & Leslie Straw. Thru 9/26. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.

SF Camerawork: "Finstere Medine," (Dark District), a work-in-progress by Shimon Attie, using pre-war photos made in a formerly Jewish neighborhood near Berlin. "Our Bodice, Our Selves," a installation by Deborah Small bringing together two literary phenomena separated by hundreds of years, the New World-inspired "captivity narrative" and the contemporary "bodice-ripper" romance novel. Exhibit runs 9/10-10/10. Reception 9/24, 5:30-7 pm. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.

Art Lick Gallery: 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-6 pm; Mon & Tues by appt. Info: 621-5131.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "The Legacy of Boris Deutsch: A Centennial Exhibition," paintings & mural sketches by this 1930s-'40s Calif artist. Thru 9/20. "Survivors," ceramic sculpture by Andree Thompson Singer. Ceramic figures & ceramic-and-brick "chimneys" commemorate the Holocaust. Thru 9/20. "Images," calligraphic art conveying a spiritual quest, by Edna Miron-Wapner. Thru 9/20. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Brian Weil: The AIDS Photographs," thru 9/8. "Ansel Adams & the National Parks," exhibit of Adams' legendary photos made in American nat'l parks & monuments, thru 9/6. "This is the American Earth," photos by Ansel Adams, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Eliot Porter, William Garnett, Edward Weston, Minor White & others, with narrative text by Newhall; 9/13-11/8. "Max Yavno: A Remembrance,", photo exhibit runs 9/13-11/8. "Open Space/Lukas Felzmann: Muse & Restraint," 9/13-11/8. "Works by Lorna Simpson," thru 9/27. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Visions of the Floating World: the Cartoon Art of Japan," thru 9/5. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.

Circle Gallery: 900 N. Point, Ghirardelli Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 11 am-7 pm; Fri-Sat 10 am-9 pm; Sun 10 am-6 pm.

Circle Gallery: Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 140 Maiden Lane (Union Square), SF. Info: 989-2100.

The Clay Studio: "Veiled Illusions: Paintings & Sculpture," by Beth Sudekum. 8/28-9/27. 52 Julian St, SF. Hrs: Wed, Fri & Sat, 10 am-5 pm, or by appt. Info: 431-6296.

Soft Touch Gallery: 1580 Haight St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 863-3279.

Eye Gallery: Benefit exhibit for Guatemalan street children features the work of several photographers documenting the childrens' lives—Diana Smith, Darcy Padilla, David Maung, Jeff Share, Ed Quinn, Miguel Luis Fairbanks & Antonin Kratochvil. Exhibit includes several photos produced by street children themselves. Benefit reception 8/28, 6-10 pm, exhibit runs thru 8/30. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Thurs noon-7 pm, Fri-Sun noon-5 pm. Info: 922-0706.

Footwork Gallery: "Fearless Gaze," exhibit of photos by John B Davis (1964-1992). Thru 8/31. 3221 22nd St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm Mon-Sat, or by appt. Info: 824-5044.

Paintings by Robert Morgan on exhibit at A Different Light Bookstore. 9/1-29. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 885-0851.

"Analytic & Intuitive Expressions," recent metasymbolic artwork by local gay artist Frank Pietronigro, on exhibit at Josie's Cabaret thru Sept. Opening reception 9/6, 4-6 pm. 3583 16th St at Market.

"On the Verge of Optimism III," Black & white photos by Richard Lynch, on exhibit thru 9/16 at Sweet Inspiration Cafe Gallery, 2239 Market St at Noe, SF.

"Deviant Angels," photos by Max Laurie White, on exhibit thru 9/23 in Irving Street Gallery, at Just Desserts, 863 Irving St, SF. Info: 558-9534.

"Eat With Your Fingers," exhibit of frenetic, densely layered monotypes by Max Laurie White. Thru 10/4 in the Solano Avenue Gallery at Just Desserts, 1823 Solano Ave, Berkeley. Artist's reception 8/30, 7:30-9 pm. Info: (510) 893-1554.

New Langton Arts: "The Abortion Project," a collaboration by Kathe Burkhart & Chrysanne Stathacos, exhibit features works on female gender issues & reproductive rights, by over 30 artists. Runs thru 8/29. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Nelson Morales Gallery: 140 Geary St #301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs & Sat, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm, or by appt. Info: 255-1432.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Carry Me Home," exhibit of black & white photographs of southwestern Louisiana, by Debbie Fleming Caffery; 9/10-10/17. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

Vision Gallery:"Outside the Dream: Child Poverty in America," a photo-documentary by Stephen Shames describing the struggle of children living homeless & below the poverty line. Exhibit runs thru 9/5. Photos by Robert Buelteman, on exhibit thru 9/12. "Special Places: SF, Paris, Yosemite, Hawaii," aerial photos by Robert Cameron, on exhibit thru 9/12. 1155 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 9 am-6 pm. Info: 621-2107.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Classical Chinese Furniture," 8/29-11/1. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

University Art Museum: "Mikhail O Dlugach: Cinema Posters of the Russian Avant-garde," 26 film posters from the 1920s-1930s, on exhibit thru 10/11 in the Theater Gallery. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Richmond Art Center: New Russell Herrman installation, "Sun Sails," on exhibit thru 9/13 in the Courtyard. Civic Center Plaza, Baird & 25th St, Richmond. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.

SF Camerawork: 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Admission free. Info: 621-1001.

The Jewish Museum: 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Falkirk Cultural Gallery: 1408 Mission St, off E, San Rafael. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Tues-Fri, 10 am-9 pm Thurs, 10 am-1 pm Sat. Info: 485-3328.

KBBK Studios: "Here, Thre & Nowhere: An Immigrant's Dilemma" photos & silkscreen prints by Leon Sun. Thru 8/29. Hrs: 3-6 pm Thurs and Fri, 2-5 pm Sat, and by appt. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Info: 563-9046.

Pro Arts Gallery: 461 9th St, SF. Info: (510) 763-4361.

John Pence Gallery: "Major Works," paintings & sculpture by several artists. Thru 9/5. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Morphos Gallery: Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm, Thurs noon-9:30 pm, and by appt. Info: 626-1936.

Robert Dana Gallery: Summer group show of paintings by John Mancini, Sarena Rosenfeld, Patricia Torres & Dan Samborski. Thru 8/30. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Thurs & Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sun, and by appt. 1849 Union St, SF. Info: 749-1849.

Ghia Gallery: Hrs: Wed-Sat 1-6 pm, and by appt. 2648 3rd St, SF. Info: 282-2832.

MACE Space for Art: New work by Linda Simmel. Oil on canvas, pastel on paper, thru 8/31. New work by Travis Somervile. Oil on canvas, mixed media on paper, thru 9/5. "Ginnungagap," paintings by Bjarni Sigurbjornsson, 9/8-10/11; artist's reception 9/11, 6-9 pm. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Exhibit of Oil Paintings by Debra Walker. Thru 9/6 at Gordon Biersch, 2 Harrison St at Embarcadero, SF

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

***Directory: HIV Clinical Trials** in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women (parents, siblings or married spouses) who are currently caring for a relative with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding HIV & its impact on multicultural, multiracial communities. Provides support groups for gay/bisexual men of all colors in SF & Oakl. Also provides transportation assistance to medical appts & to pick up medication to HIV positive people in SF. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

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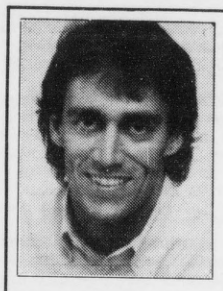

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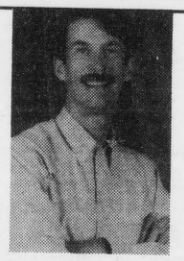

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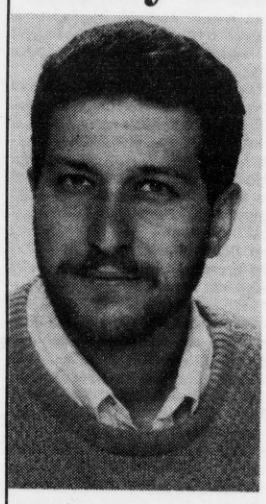

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Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.
Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.
Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.
Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.
AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.
Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.
Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.
JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.
Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.
GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.
Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.
Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.
Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.
Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.
Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.
The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.
Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.
Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.
The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.
STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.
Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.
Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.
African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.
American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.
AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.
In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.
Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.
Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV + people. Info: 255-0265.
Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).
EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.
Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.
Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.
Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.
Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.
Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.
SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.
Nutrition & HIV: Free drop-in group/class led by a registered dietician. 2nd Fri of each month. 5:30 pm. Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: (510) 547-7893.
The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

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Culture Clash, the nation's leading Chicano-Latino comedy theater trio, present "S.O.S.—Comedy for These Urgent Times," Sept. 2-20 at Magic Theatre. See OnStage for info.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.
Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.
ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.
HIV+/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.
HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.
Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.
Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.
HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.
Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.
Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244
Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.
Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.
Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.
Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the"Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.
AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.
Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.
Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.
Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.
Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.
Drop-In Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.
Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.
Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.
Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.
Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion Group meets in Oakl. Ongoing. 16-wk commitment required. Call Jay (510) 547-8439 for details.
Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous Mtg (Lesbians Living in the Solution) meets Mon nights at 6:30 pm at The Meeting Place, 2187 Market St at 15th, SF. Room B. Come work on issues around sex, love, relationships & romance in a safe, anonymous 12-step environment.
Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.
For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.
Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.
Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 1l:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.
North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 3-5 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jo Ellen 864-3859.
Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.
Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.
Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.
Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.
Marin Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Wed in Mill Valley. Info: Marilena 381-8865.
WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.
Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Seeking Butchness: *Taste of Latex* editor Lily Braindrop and *Girljock* editor Roxxie seek submissions to *Dagger*, an anthology dedicated to celebrating butch women. Butch-positive fiction, non-fiction, graphics & photos are welocme. You don't have to be butch to submit entries. Interested writers & photographers should send SASE to Dagger, PO Box 2587, Berkeley CA 94702. Deadline: 9/15.
Alternatives for Women With Cancer, volume 2 of the "Women, Cancer, Fear, Power" series, will be an anthology by women for women, with focus on alternative treatments & alternative communities. Political essays, informational articles & a few personal stories about alternatives that women with cancer & their women friends have found and/or created are welcome from women with cancer or women loving someone with cancer. Cancer survivors of al kinds are urged to submit articles. No poetry accepted. Send SASE to Third Side Press, WCFP Series, 2250 W. Farragut, Chicago, IL 60625-1802. Deadline: 10/15.
Frameline accepts applications for its 1992 Film/Video Completion Fund. The Fund's objective is to provide financial assistance to lesbian and gay film and videomakers who are in the last stages of production. Grants of up to $5000 are offered to artists working in any format or genre. For submissions guidelines and other information, contact Frameline, PO Box 14792, San Francisco, CA 94114. Deadline for Submissions: October 15. Awards will be announced on December 15.
SEXART 2: Readers, performers, attendants & others sought for show opening on Friday, September 18 & for a party Sunday, September 20 after the Folsom Street Fair. SEXART 2 is a group show of sex, sexuality and eroticism with work by gay men, lesbians & others. Info: Mark 544-1136 (leave message).

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens (510) 548-8283.

feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.
Game Night: Every Sat night, 6-10 pm at Pacific Cetner, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Scrabble, Boggle, Pictionary, Taboo, cards, etc. BYOG (Bring Your Own Game). Everyone welcome! Info:

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.
Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.
Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.
Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.
Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).
Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).
Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.
Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.
Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.
of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.
Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.
Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.
Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.
Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.
Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.
Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.
Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.
Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.
Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.
Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.
Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.
Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.
SF Cable Stitchers: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.
Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.
Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.
Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).
G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.
Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.
SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.
Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.
Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.
Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.
Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.
SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.
Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.
AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).
SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.
SF Youth Line: 752-2000
SF Drug Line: 752-3400.
Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.
Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.
Ritual Abuse Survivors: "Empowerment Through Writing," monthly support group for women, using writing as a medium to share our lives as survivors. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.
Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: 839-8844.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.
Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.
Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

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Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

FOCUS: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

MAS (Multiracial African Support) Group by & for mixed-heritage "queers" who are proudly part African. Must be respectful/accepting of transsexuals, gays & bisexuals. Write: MAS, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94147-0990.

Nadlehs of Woda'abe: Support group by and for Native Americans with African blood who are equally proud of both cultures. Accepting of/respectful to transsexuals, bisexuals, gays, etc. Contact: Nadlehs of Woda'abe or N.W. #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94147-0990.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.

Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.

Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.

Queer Women's Art Support/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & committed to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group. Performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades & festivals. 2-hr Sunday practices. No experience necessary. Info: Michael (415) 474-5486 or Steve (510) 228-7497.

Cocoons: Social/networking group for culturally diverse emerging painters seeks people committed to their artwork. Info: 431-8045.

Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with El a priority. Chairs & bed available at mtg, 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.

LIPS (Lesbian Installation Projects) invites women to participate in art workshops & projects. Eat, drink & be creative. Call Pamela Barnes (510) 222-4552.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Women Writers Group: All cultures & genres. New members welcome! Info: Debra (510) 261-8994 or Judy (415) 621-7709.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Sistah Boom, a mostly lesbian of color percussion band playing Afro-Brazilian/Caribbean rhythms at Gay Pride, pro-choice & anti-war events, seeks women of color, lesbian-feminist identified, musically-inclined & committed to unlearning racism work, to jam with one of the hottest percussion ensembles around. Info: Kay (510) 654-3360 or Adalia (510) 601-6844 (6-8 pm).

► POLITICAL

United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.

Outrage! San Francisco. Predominantly queer activist/direct action group devoted to exposing & opposing all forms of oppression. Operated by telephone networking & phone bank. Mtgs organized & called when needed around specific issues. To join, suggest an action, phone bank or attend a mtg call & leave your name & number on the Queer Line: 985-7141.

IRATE Anti-Bashing Project: Devoted to eliminating violence against the queer community by any means necessary. Also examines issues around violence, lateral aggression & internalized homophobia. Offers self-defense options & awareness. IRATE (Irked Radicals Addressing Terrorism thru Empowerment) is an affinity group of Outrage! SF. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.

Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.

FOCUS (Focus on Children Under Siege) sees a future where children are no longer physically, emotionally or sexually abused. Monthly mtgs held 7-9 pm at Hayward Public Library, 835 "C" Street, Hayward. Info: (510) 449-4230 or (510) 449-9663.

Stonewall Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic politics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Ralph Payne 929-1591.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1236, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Palo Alto Lesbians & Gay Men meet monthly for potlucks in member homes. All ages, both sexes, singles, couples & multiracial welcome! Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info:

(408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for gay/lesbian/bisexual twentysomethings. Discuss mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.
Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
Eurofemme: European-born women's social group. Lesbians, feminists, artists, politicos, glam, butch—all welcome. Info: Nicola 621-5443.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.
Brainy, Artsy Gals: Monthly gatherings for women who enjoy good food & conversation. Info: 658-9389.
Lesbian Friday Night Group: Meet 1st Fri of month for relaxed conversation around a good vegetarian potluck dinner & delicious dessert! Watch movies, plan outings, etc. Lesbians only. Couples & singles welcome. Berkeley location. Info: (510) 559-8355.
New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: Jeff 457-3523.
East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.
Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.
Fat Fridays: Schmoozing at Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission St, SF. 1st & 3rd Fridays. All fat dykes and fat queer womyn welcome! Info: Susan (510) 658-3300.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.
Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.
Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.
Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.
Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.
Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.
Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.
Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.
Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.
Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.
Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.
St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Info: Julian 861-1436.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.
Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
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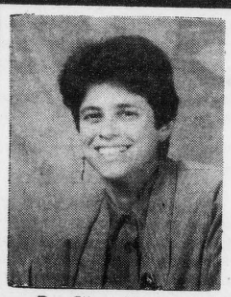

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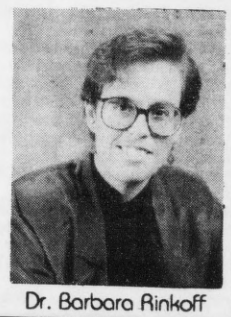

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Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive community. Worship service: 10 am Sun. 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 7 pm at 424 Monte Vista Ave (corner of Oakland Ave), Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emergel, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.

Unity Religious Science Center: An educational outreach ministry serving the lesbian & gay community. Classes & credentials offered for licensed practitioners & ordained ministers. Write 405 El Camino Real, Ste 330, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.

Aquarian Foundation: Church dedicated to God, individual rights, psychical research & spiritual miracles. Sun worship service at 11 am, spiritual psychic readings demonstrated. Spiritual healing services Wed at 8 pm. 2250 Taraval St, SF. Info: Rev Jann Werner 661-3622.

Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

Astrology Playshop: From beginning to intermediate. Personal charts, current events & humor. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month at 3 pm. Everyone welcome. Call David (510) 845-5034 or Chandra (510) 559-8355.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info send SASE to PO Box 511 Forest Knolls, CA 94933.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Sea Snakes Northern Calif Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

Swimming: SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Club invites swimmers of all ages, races, genders & abilities to enjoy the benefits of competitive and non-competitive swimming. Meets, lake swims, parties, int'l gay aquatic events, preps for the '94 Gay Games. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Call 467-4705 ext 4 for times, locations, & other info.

Gay/Lesbian Sailing on the Bay, for fun & relaxation. Call Bruce 626-2026 for details.

Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 550-1820.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

Eureka Valley Rec Ctr in the Castro offers free adult programs for everyone: Mon—women's basketball, square dance. Tues—badminton, wrestling club, folk dance. Wed—women's night! Basketball, volleyball, square dance. Thurs—free-play basketball. Sat—men's volleyball, Sun—men's volleyball & men's basketball. For time, to donate exercise equipment, or for other info call 554-9528.

Lesbian & Gay Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. Beginners welcome! Call Claire Siverson 285-0936 or Walter Parsley 824-6558 for location & other info.

Outdoor Activities Group: Meet for biking,hiking, camping, boating, etc. Dogs welcome! Info/details: Jo Ann 986-4507.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

WSSM (Women Supporting SM) meets in Sonoma County the 1st Sun of each month. Call M for location: (707) 525-9833.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Lesbian EI Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.

Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness—See Performance/Literary Arts.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Support/social group. Discuss & share info about living with mild MS. Info/location: 626-2216.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Leaderless Support Group for women who are thirtyish: Monday nights in SF. Call Linda 863-4605 (eves) for details.

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 922-7690.

Working Class Lesbian Support Group: Group uses writing as a medium for sharing. No writing experience necessary. Meets wkly. Free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Reluctant Partners Group: Is your partner pregnant, planning to get pregnant, or already has children? Is is not your chosen lifestyle? Discuss issues, get mutual support. Call Marjorie 587-7210.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: Wayne (510) 827-4077.

Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Suicide: Support group for lesbians & gay men who have lost someone they loved to suicide. Info: Karen (510) 841-6553.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

Work by Caribbean artist Wolf Gomez appears in the dyke cafe/gallery opening of Red Dora's Bearded Lady, thru Aug. 29. See Calendar.

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

Flikker Network: Int'l network by, for & about female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info write to Flikker Network, c/o R.K, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Female to Male Pre-op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color only: Biweekly mtgs. Friendly, warm & open to gay, bi & straight pre-op FTMs of color. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn FPSG.

Living Full Time: Support Group for anyone living full time in the gender opposite that of birth. To attend, you must be living full-time. Group meets 3 Fri a month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.

Under 21: Peer-led support group for gay, bisexual & questioning young men. For mtg times, location & other info call Mark or Alphonso at LYRIC 252-6059.

QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves, drop-in 5:30 pm, group 6-7:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Support Group for Young Women of Color: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon- Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

Ongoing theater writing class for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people of color, under 21. Wed 4-6:30 pm. Taught by Chicana lesbian writer/playwright Cherrie Moraga, writer-in-residence with Brava! For Women in the Arts. 2180 Bryant St, SF. Info/reg: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: 565-7681.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program). For teens in the San Mateo area who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning and want a positive & supportive place to explore individual or family concerns. Info: Josefa 342-5216. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

12-Week Process Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people, 17-21. Place to explore trust, self-image, relationships, coming out & other issues in a small, safe & confidential group setting. Info: Josefa 342-5216. Spons by GALTIP of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Lesbian Youth: Ongoing rap/support group meets every Wed evening, 6-8 pm at the Brick Hut Cafe, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-6074.

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

NEW & RECYCLED FASHIONS

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Glam's Last Stand

If you are like me, you probably noticed that Justin Bond's column hasn't appeared in the last few issues of the *Bay Area Reporter*, leaving that publication devoid of its finest, most fun-filled, filthy and frank writing. From time to time in the past, Justin has taken a break from the grind of deadlines to facilitate his other artistic endeavors in the theater, as a vocalist, as wife of Elvis Herselvis, as a Sick and Twisted guest star, and an overall classy dame, brightening the lives of many with wit, outfit and a penchant for truth. After a second week without Justin's "Glam on the Rampage" column, I asked a friend about the sudden absence of my very favorite columnist. He promptly informed me that Justin had been fired by the new Arts and Entertainment editor at the *B.A.R.*

I was outraged. Singing the praises of Justin Bond as a writer was a definite topic I had on my agenda for this column. Miss Bond has turned out the most vital, entertaining and inspired copy to splash down on the *B.A.R.* in many years. Her writing rests comfortably on that certain ability to write the way one talks. That in itself is an achievement and, if you ever heard the bitch talking, you know her writing must be fired up with real gossip, confrontational potty humor, ribald sexual fury, political rage and the goddamned truth. It's a dirty job, but someone has to do it, and now we have one less person able to do so because of the complacent, conservative, backbiting miasma of ego and mistrust and fear that is the world of gay newspaper publishing.

When I heard that Justin was not even allowed to write a farewell column, I offered up (with the blessings of our editor) my column space this issue for Miss Bond to tell it like it is—a "Glam's Last Stand," if you will. But do let me warn you, she isn't over by a long-shot. Take it away.

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"Never wrestle with a pig. You both get dirty and the pig likes it." Trish Thomas said that to me a few days before I was "let go" from the *Bay Area Reporter*, over the telephone, by their new arts editor, Robert Julian. His reasons were sound. "My favorite magazines are *Spy*, *The New Yorker* and *Vanity Fair*, because they are witty, intelligent and they have an edge. Your column does not embody those qualities so I won't be continuing with it."

I wish him the best. And I'm thrilled for all of us that we will have such high quality infotainment from a weekly gay rag. We're so lucky in San Francisco, for only in this town would such witty and intelligent artists as Joan Didion, Helmut Newton, Annie Liebovitz, et al., provide full access to their brilliant talents for $25 a week.

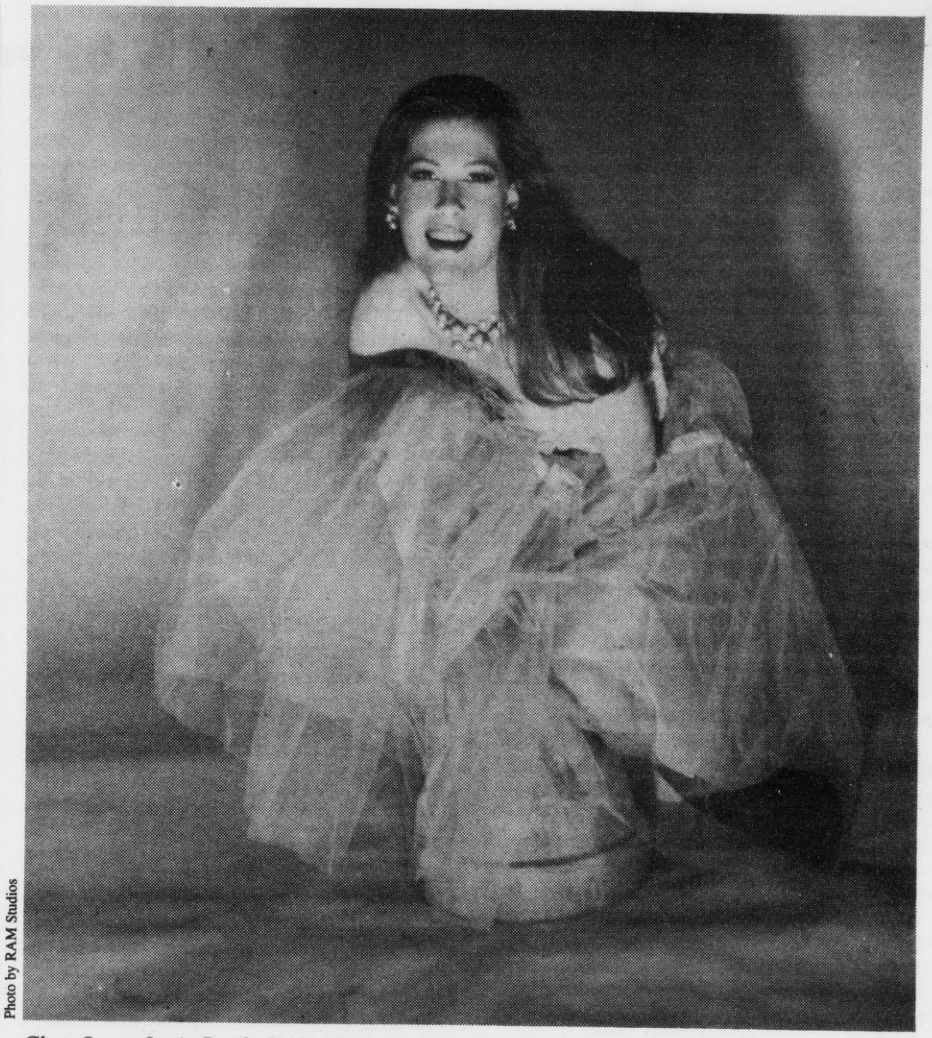
I guess I really was in over my head at the *B.A.R.* How silly of me.

Now that the Republican Party has declared a cultural war to reclaim the soul of America, I'm sure that some people in the local media feel it's very important as "gays and lesbians" to put our best face forward—not a queer face, but a nice face. It's also become very clear to me that some people do not feel that firsthand accounts of a lifestyle which falls below the realm of white upper-middle class pretension does not well serve what they would term "our" community. Just like the fascists they coddle, they are living in a diseased dreamland. They wish to inhabit a world that does not exist.

I do not spend my time in search of a world full of broken and impoverished people; a world in which gay boys, dykes and drag queens are casually beaten and ritually abused. I do not advocate looting and rioting, but if it happens I want to know why. I want to see for myself where the system has failed. The desire to escape into the glossy pages of *The New Yorker*, *Vanity Fair* and *Spy* is understandable. But aping a dying, petrified, heterosexist culture? Is that a noble dream to which to aspire?

There is a cultural war going on in this country and we are the enemy. No matter how much we emulate, imitate and blend into the mass media we will remain the enemy. Only by looking deep into ourselves individually and as a community and discovering each and every one of our unique and individual truths, and by respecting those discoveries and the very different desires and dreams held by others will we have the strength to survive.

In writing "Glam on the Rampage," I had the privilege to write about what I consider to be some of the most courageous and inventive talents in San Francisco. People who come from a tradition of groundbreaking queer artistry which has cultural roots as far back as ancient Greece and beyond: the revisionist brilliance of Klubstitute and the Sick and Twisted Players; the sexual politics of performance artists Diviana Ingravallo and Kate Bornstein; the decadent intensity of Pussy Tourette; the high-camp television antics of Enrique; emerging queer artists whose voices must be heard, such as multi-media artist Rodney O'Neal Austin, Elvis Herselvis, the Modacrylic Players, and queer filmmakers Marc Huestis and Sadie Benning. These people build, not by tearing down—or as *The Advocate* describes it, "Eating Their Own"—but by looking within to create powerful images that affect basic philosophical and spiritual renewal. People like them are our future, our hope. They deserve every bit of support we can possibly give them and, if my column helped them in any small way, I feel I have succeeded.



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Glam Queen Justin Bond: Cinderella in Doc Martins.

I enjoyed writing "Glam on the Rampage," but now I have other new and exciting projects. My solo show, *Dixie McCall's Patterns for Living*, which I describe as a White Trash Lounge Act, will be opening Sept. 9 at Athens by Night, 811 Valencia St. Call 621-2152 for information. I'm also working on a few television and film projects as well. Elvis Herselvis and I will be emceeing the Castro Street Fair, so we'll see you then.

Thanks to Daniel Mangin, the former Arts Editor of the *B.A.R.*, who understood the need for diversity and gave me the freedom to write anything I wanted—good or bad. And a very special thanks to Don Baird, the sexiest stud in San Francisco, for letting me write this final farewell. Just let me know when you want that blow job, baby. And finally, to all my readers:

Friends may come and friends may go.
Friends may peter out, you know.
But we'll be friends without a doubt.
Peter IN, or peter OUT.

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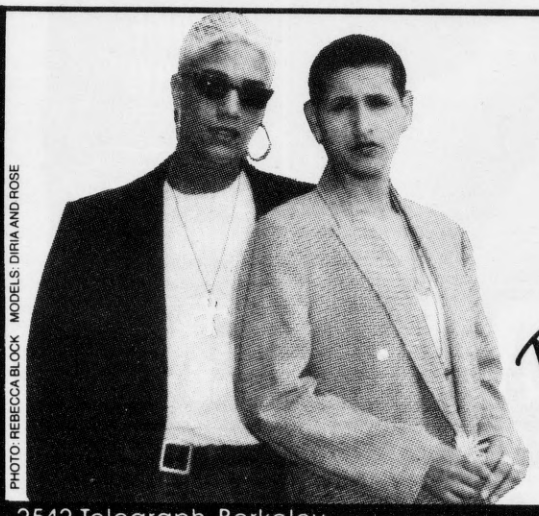

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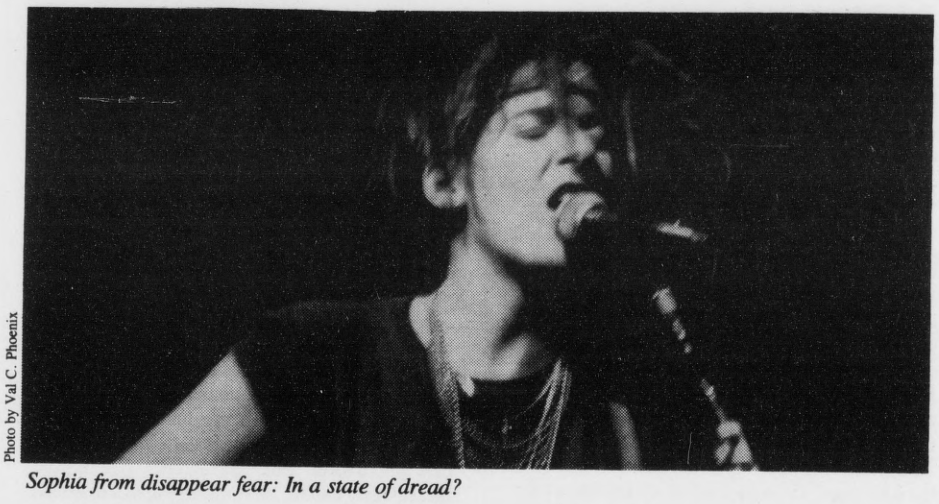

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Sophia from disappear fear: In a state of dread?

PAM HALL
***Honey on My Lips*, Fabulous**

Friends came back from the West Coast Lez Fest raving about this woman, and I can see why. Yes, I think Pam Hall *is* the future of lesbian music. Hall hails from Mississippi and calls herself a "fifth generation dyke." She writes songs about love, sex, empowerment and particularly, "womyn loving womyn." Drawing on a variety of musical idioms, including blues and reggae, Hall crafts them into very personal, explosive songs that move and uplift. This is the perfect cure for the gender-neutral blues.

Honey on My Lips was produced by June Millington at her Institute for the Musical Arts up in Bodega, with a backing band made up of Millington, her sister Jean, Janelle Burdell and Michaelle Goerlitz. Hall wrote all the songs and sings them in a voice echoing k.d. lang crossed with Joan Armatrading.

Standouts include "Linda," an ode to a woman who lives "her life like a 24-hour-a-day dyke." After a hilarious opening dialogue in which Hall and Mary Watkins trade notes on this object of desire, the song jumps into a rollicking anthem celebrating the virtues of dykedom. The chorus consists of several women singing "lesbians like Linda."

Hall is not shy about expressing desire, either, as on "Completely," when she breathes "I can feel it, washin' down on me..." "Once in My Lifetime" is a wish for women to take a place in the world equal to men's: "A baby girl does not bring the same kind of joy/ As when they run into the room with a cigar shouting that 'It's a boy!' "

The triumph of this recording is in Hall's ability to take scary and radical ideas and set them to very warm and welcoming melodies. You can dance at Pam Hall's revolution. Available from Fabulous Records at Box 374, Bodega, CA 94922 (707) 876-3004. Hall plays the West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival over Labor Day weekend.

ETTA JAMES
Great American Music Hall, Aug. 15

Veteran blues shouter James played two sold-out shows here to adoring crowds. Ms. James made herself right at home, kicking off her shoes as soon as she hit the stage. She displayed a sassy style, shaking her hips and swinging her butt suggestively at the crowd, as she moved into a medley that included "Born to Be Wild."

James' song selection indicated an effort to mark her as up-to-date and contemporary to keep the interest of the dancing crowd. She needn't have worried. Her vocals are as strong as ever, and she commands the stage. Song choices such as Randy Newman's "You Can Keep Your Hat On" didn't really do her justice. Nevertheless, she sank her teeth into each number and played up the raunch factor for all it was worth. She sang the line, "When I think of your sweet kiss and your—" Her hand rose from her lap, as the crowd guffawed. "I see y'all know what I'm talking about," she said. Um, yeah.

James held court from her stool and worked the crowd from there. "Are we gonna get some red drawers tonight?" she asked. One woman tossed her shoe on stage, and James accepted it in lieu of any drawers. She finished with "Love and Happiness," as the crowd danced in a frenzy, and announced she'll be releasing a record in September.

INDIGO GIRLS
Greek Theater, Aug. 23

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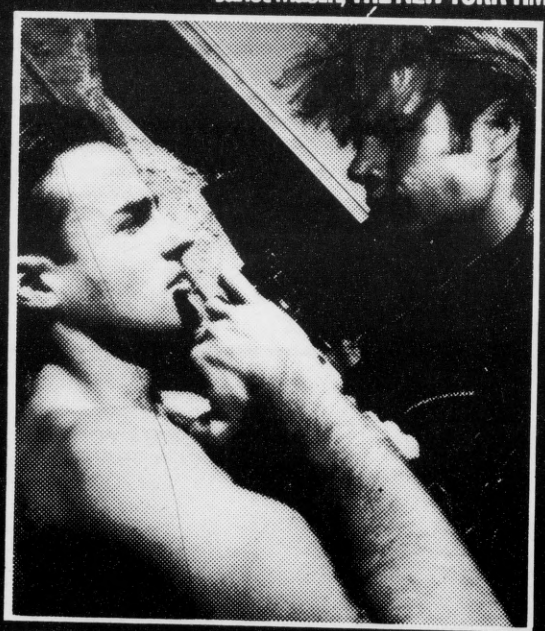

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devotion on their bodies—I spotted almost as many k.d. lang shirts as I did Indigo Girls shirts. It was *that* kind of show. The headliners made their own fashion statements: Obscure object of desire Amy Ray wore Freedom Rings and combat boots, while Emily Saliers sported lime-green Doc Martens and a Clinton-Gore sticker on her cutoff overalls. There's your political content.

Indigo Girls took the stage with an almost all-woman band: Sara Lee on bass, Jane Scarpantoni on cello, Scarlet Rivera on violin and Jerry Marotta on drums. This time around they opened with four songs from *Rites of Passage* before moving into older material. Yet the faithful seemed to know every word of the new songs, too. Funny how that happens. The girls in the crowd particularly liked singing along to the lines, "we were girls in bars, boys on the town" from "Jokin'." Amy brought down the house with "Romeo and Juliet," while Emily engaged the crowd with "Up on the Watershed." Opener Kristen Hall's vocals gave "Kid Fears" an extra punch. It was one hot show, but wait, there's more...

HOOTENANNY
Great American Music Hall, Aug. 24

"This is Hoot, and I'm Nanny," said Amy Ray, pointing to her partner Emily Saliers. A veritable women's acoustic Dream Team was on display in this surprise show: Indigo Girls, Joan Baez, disappear fear, and Kristen Hall came together, messed around, and left 'em screaming for more. At four-and-a-half hours with a ticket price of $5, you couldn't beat the value.

Each act had its followers, though the Indigo Girls' fans were most in evidence—and most impatient. People chattered loudly through disappear fear's and particularly Kristen Hall's opening sets, leading the latter's fans to yell loudly and in unison, "Shut Up!" Concert chatter has to be one of the rudest banes of any performer's existence, not to mention the bane of fans who come early to see these acts. It's particularly noticeable in an acoustic show. Hall put on a great show, as she did at the Greek, winning many followers. We'll be seeing more of her, as she's returning soon for some solo shows. Go see her. She's great.

Alas, Kristen didn't return to join the others for any combos. Joan Baez and the Indigo Girls are old pals by this point, so it wasn't surprising to see them team up for several numbers, including the signature Baez tune, "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down," and the Indigo Girls' "Welcome Me." Baez, looking very much like Michelle Shocked, premiered some songs from an upcoming album which sounded good. Performing with a guitarist and two percussionists, she ran through "Play Me Backwards," a song about children reclaiming their rights and "I'm With You," a song inspired by her son. Look for 'em.

Indigo Girls were up there to have fun, and it showed. Snippets from "Annie's Song," and an aborted version of "Freebird" were only a few of the oddities on this night when anything could happen. "We can sing what we want," said Amy, who explained they were basically running through their soundcheck songs. One of the oddest ones was a country number that dripped hokiness. They played their own songs as well, of course: "Land of Canaan," "Hammer and Nail," and a few reprises from the Greek show.

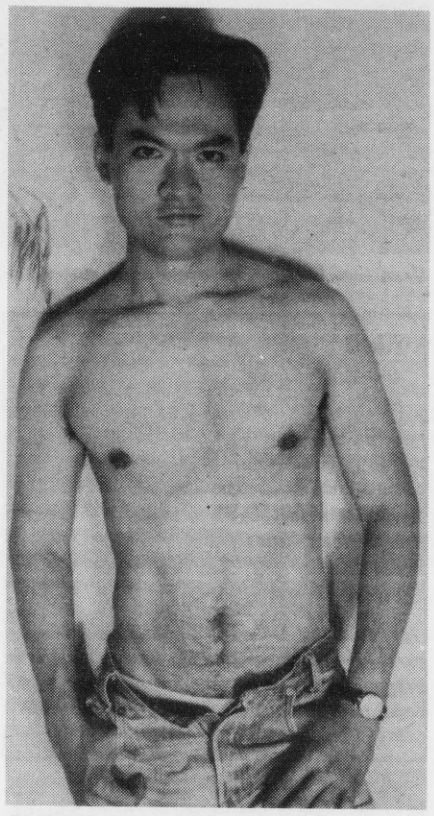
The Gershwin standard "Summertime" was a highlight, as Indigo Girls were joined by their band and Baez. The vocal interplay between Baez and Emily was particularly fine. I particularly enjoyed the Indigos backing up disappear fear on the latter's "Box of Tissues." Sonia, who seems to be dreading, wore an ACT UP T-shirt for the occasion. The four-part harmony wasn't quite as tight as it could have been, but the different spin was exciting. The evening wasn't as much about beautiful music as about having fun. As Emily told me, "We just wanted to play in a club again."

ENDNOTES...

The dyke performance space/art gallery Red Dora's Bearded Lady opens with two shows on Aug. 28 and 29. Reservations and info: 206-9722. More upcoming shows: Sweet Honey in the Rock at Zellerbach on Sept. 13. and Tracy Chapman at the Warfield Sept. 23.

cabaret

By Gene Price



Patrick Lee's new work is an amusing expose of sexual, political and ethnic incorrectness.

Exotic Fortunes

Actor/writer Patrick Lee is premiering his new work, *Exotic Fortunes*, at Josie's Cabaret. Directed by Michael Sullivan of the SF Mime Troupe, Lee revels in an expose of generational differences that reveal some frank and funny aspects of sexual, political and ethnic incorrectness. Stereotypical attitudes, acknowledged racism and the compulsion to succeed are all themes touched by the sardonic edge of this ingratiating performer's scalpel.

Lee's set is a bare stage, a stool and a film screen on which appear the fortune-cookie sayings of Confucius. Immediately following a traditional proverb, a more contemporary adage of Prince Chow Mein will offer such advice as "Don't come in me, come on me."

With subtle vocal changes and a minimum of physical attitudes, Lee creates intimate and incisive portraits of 11 characters. Anarko (aka John) Wong works part-time in Uncle Choi's fortune cookie factory (two fortunes in every cookie for double happiness!). Anarko, a Stanford student and an arrogant rebel against his stereotypical heritage, has dyed his hair green. To flout tradition, he has introduced his parents to three girlfriends—one Black, one Japanese, and one who is Chinese but whose face his parents liken to a melon seed. John's ambition is to matriculate in film studies. His mother's unbending desire is that he get a degree in electrical engineering, marry Mrs. Tan's daughter (who will get a degree in neurosurgery from Harvard) and live in Walnut Creek.

Brother Chippie, an AVB (Asian Valley Boy), is gay in every sense of the word and only likes white boys. He does admit to one sexual experience with another Chinese (a friend of his boyfriend Mark), and while he loved touching the smooth skin and coarse black hair, it was like making love to a mirror. Chippie wants to come out to his parents, but Anarko cautions him to wait. "They haven't got used to my being a vegetarian yet." Even so, Chippie brings his boyfriend Sam to Uncle Choi's 60th birthday dinner.

Mrs. Tan, her fist full of coupons, cruises Walgreen's, snapping up specials and scraping off new price stickers to get at the old prices. Lee's characterization of her frugality is not a put-down. It's just a habit, the way things are, he seems to say, like the way the Chinese push and shove to board the 30 Stockton, "even when it's empty."

For good measure, actor Lee dips into the persona of his white dude boyfriend, Mark. Slipping on a luxuriant waist-length wig, he is Nancy Kwan, TV huckster for a rejuvenating skin cream. Ms. Kwan is independent, but like a good Asian-American girl, non-threatening. She's like Wendy Takuda, he says, but with less to say. Lee is also Uncle Choi, complaining that America is full of airheads; he is Mr. Wong, remembering China before the cultural revolution; he is Mrs. Wong, singing the theme song of her favorite movie star to her young sons. As the final fortune cookie saying appears on the screen, "Doris Day: Que Sera, Sera," Lee croons the lyric's philosophy in a sweet tenor.

Exotic Fortunes plays Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, Thursday-Sunday, 8 pm, through Aug. 30. Call 861-7933.

Beach Blanket Babylon

Eighteen years ago a cocky little musical revue opened in the back room of the Savoy Tivoli. Zany, irreverent and featuring some knock-out talent, it soon burst its seams, moved down Columbus to the larger Club Olympus, and finally settled in at the Club Fugazi where it continues to sell out night after night, year after year.

As one who has seen it some 26 or 27 times (who counts?) I can only say, why not? It changes constantly. New faces, new skits, new visual puns that are off the wall, headdresses that are eight feet wide and growing (it's a fact), and tap routines that would give Ann Miller a slow burn.

Some of the satiric skits, hardly more than 30-second tableaux, are barbed comments on local and national front page newsmakers. Within days of Dan Quayle's contretemps with the word "potato," director/writer/producer Steve Silver inserted his own ten-second sound bite into the show with Bob Jesser standing in for our dazed VP. Television's favorite unwed mother and baby roll downstage in a hospital bed, and before Murphy Brown (Erica Wyman) can warble more than a couple of bars of "Natural Woman," they're rolled off again into the wings.

Then there are the classic throwaway bits: Val Diamond lighting a cigarette, taking a puff and absentmindedly snuffing out the butt in her cleavage.

As for the format of this current edition of *BBB* (the world's longest-running musical), nothing has changed—it just moves faster. Snow White (Linda Bulgo) is still looking for a prince, and her very disgruntled fairy godmother, Glinda (the clarion-voiced Renee Lubin), sends her off on a worldwide search. Our squeaky-clean and squeaky-voiced heroine is constantly confronted by sundry types who offer stereotypical advice on getting a man. In Rome it's hot mama with a big pizza on her head who sings, "Be Italian," and tells Ms. Snow Balls the way to a man is through his stomach. In Paris it's a streetwalker with a lamppost headdress. In Tokyo it's a geisha with a sushi banquet in her hair. The song of course, is "If You Knew Sushi." For a more homey touch there's the Jewish mother with the outsized can of chicken soup in her purse. Oddly enough, all of these people look suspiciously like Val Diamond. *BBB*'s reigning star for more than ten years, Ms. D can lift an eyebrow and set the audience to stamping. Her "Don't Cry Out Loud" is a chandelier rocker and her softer version of "Don't Make Me Over" packs an emotional wallop.

Mr. Peanut (Kenny Mazlow), fresh as ever, gets the show off to a tapping start and after that it's pandemonium. Three floppy-eared poodles (Clay Adkins, Richard Pardini, Michael Benbrook) burst onstage to sing "Run Around Sue"; Dana Adkins slithers on as Cher; Arthur Hervey is Clarence Thomas to Lubin's Anita Hill; Erica Wyman is a sashaying Ivana Trump; Clay Adkins returns as the whoopingly funny Church Lady; and Kenny Mazlow is muscle-bound Stallone.

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food

By Bill Finkle

A Haven for Francophiles

For Bill Campton, owning and operating fine restaurants in distinctive hotels comes naturally. Masa's, in the Vintage Court Hotel, Postrio in the Prescott Hotel and Bentley's in the Gallery Park Hotel are but three examples. Aioli, in the Hotel Triton, opened in November, 1991. For this project, Campton sought out Jean-Claude Lair, whose skills as a restaurateur had already made The Chambord and the Crepe Escape winning enterprises. Lair's parents have been running a restaurant in Normandy for the past 40 years. This gentle, gracious man grew up with food and hospitality: He's got a magic touch.

Named after the traditional Provencal seafood-garlic dish, Aioli feels like Provence, with burnt-orange and faded brick walls suggesting the hot and arid mountains, while squared-off oval lamps recall the TABAC signs throughout France. Former Macy's designer Steven da Silva is responsible for the warm and easy environment, a haven for Francophiles. The service staff, mostly French, smiles and is as attentive as any self-respecting Southerner back home. International types will love that Aioli is adjacent to the Cafe de la Presse, a newsstand/cafe with papers from everywhere, espresso drinks, and food from Aioli's kitchen. The whole area down here (Bush Street from Kearny to Grant) is being promoted as a French quarter, with restaurants, schools and "minitel service" at the Cafe de la Presse coming soon.

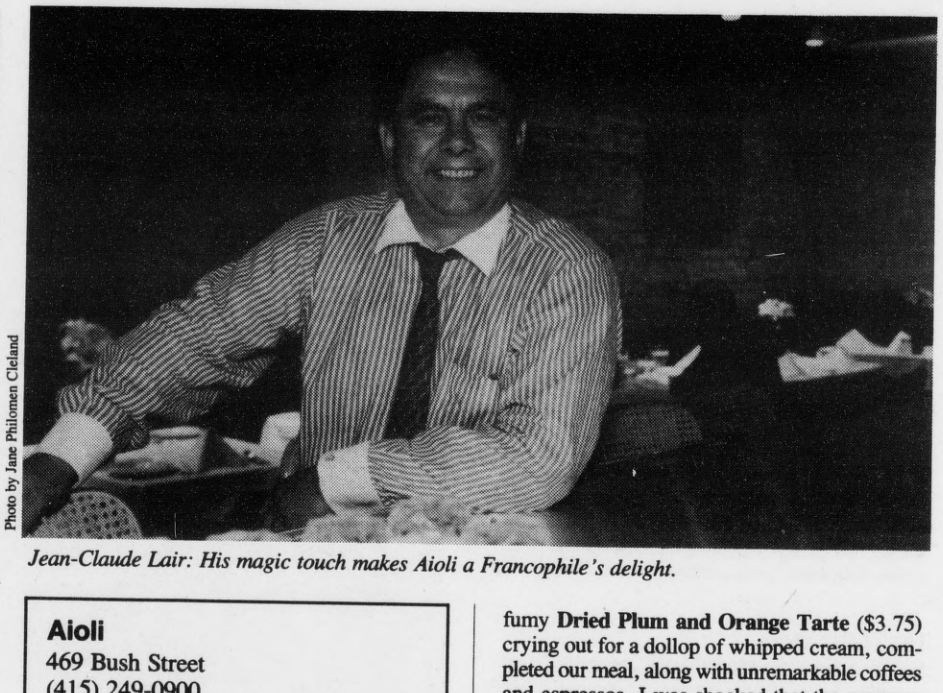
Aioli's co-owner, Giorgio Allegro, involves himself with the other businesses (the cafe, the Chambord) and with the intriguing wine list. A surprising number of Italian wines are featured, surprising since the largely French clientele is less familiar with Pinot Grigio, Arneis and Barolo than they are with California varietals. We enjoyed the **Ceretto Blange** ($32/bottle, $6/glass) a dry, well-balanced white. Mineral waters and aperitifs are available and encouraged.

Chef Sebastien Urbain, formerly of Le Meridien Hotel, hails from La Reunion Island, next to Madagascar. This is why we notice African influences among the more standard Mediterranean fare: couscous, star anise and ginger add enticing twists to the various meat, game and seafood dishes. Urbain's menu is thoroughly modern in scope, if a bit ambitious, since execution falls short at times.

A dish of ordinary olive oil and crusty, dense bread begins the meal—I'd enjoy a fruitier, more flavorful oil in this case. The **Home Cured Prosciutto and Melon** ($6.75), Lair explained to me, hangs for eight months to develop its sweet flavor and mouth-melting texture. A large ham is rubbed with coarse salt and black pepper, allowed to dry and cure in a cool, dry space with little air circulation, and ends up shrinking to just half its previous size. An expensive and timely process, but well worth it, especially when the generous portion of paper-thin prosciutto accompanies ripe, sweet balls of cantaloupe.

I didn't understand the **Fried Mozzarella with Baby Greens and Prosciutto Saute** ($6.25), a tricky dish that falls flat, with a very dry breading masking the flavor of too little cheese. **Warm Scallops and Baby Red Potato Salad with Shoestring Beets** ($8) was appealing. Six large sea scallops, slightly overcooked but well seasoned, sat atop slices of soft potato, with a mound of sweet and bitter baby greens, drizzled with an aromatic basil oil. A crown of frizzed beet strings added crunch. An altogether unimpressive **Zucchini Tomato Tart and Goat Cheese with Baby Greens** ($7.25) was composed of chunks of summer zucchini, slices of sweet tomato and a large slab of tangy chevre filling a soggy, bland crust.

The kitchen handles entrees more deftly than appetizers. Each dish has been thought out and combines flavors and textures in exciting ways. The lovely **Roasted Salmon Steak Coated with Garlic and Italian Parsley** ($14) tasted fresh and looked pretty, dressed in green herbs and sitting in a pool of yellow butter sauce. The house specialty, **Assorted Sea Food with Aioli Sauce** ($14.75), comes with plenty of choice scallops, salmon, cod, mussels, clams and prawns, bathed in their own cooking liquor, with a dollop of intense and robust garlic mayonnaise which perfumes everything. Red pepper confetti decorates this enormous plate of seafood.



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Jean-Claude Lair: His magic touch makes Aioli a Francophile's delight.

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I was somewhat leery of the **Sauteed Stuffed Quails with Wild Rice and Grilled Bok Choy with Ginger**, but one bite convinced me: a game demi-glace surrounded two golden birds, stuffed with a foresty melange of rice, diced carrots and seasonings. Translucent baby bok choy, buttered to perfection, was a welcome touch. The **Roasted Pork Medallion, Black Olives and Herb Mozzarella** ($12.75), cooked perfectly, was succulent, juicy and well-seasoned, and paired well with a black olive *coulis* and simmered long green beans, bok choy, carrots and roasted potatoes. There's something warm and wonderful about vegetables cooked all the way through tossed in sweet butter. Why is it so rare to see them done this way?

A creamy, rich, but tiny **Ginger Creme Brulee** ($3.75), a somewhat dry **Amaretto Chocolate Cake** ($4) with a deep cocoa flavor, and a perfumy **Dried Plum and Orange Tarte** ($3.75) crying out for a dollop of whipped cream, completed our meal, along with unremarkable coffees and espressos. I was shocked that the espresso served in such a thoroughly French restaurant would not have the foam on top that distinguishes fine espresso.

In any event, Aioli has some great elements: the atmosphere, crowd and location couldn't be more enjoyable, most of the menu items are generous, well-executed and quite flavorful, and the prices are, if not low, at least standard. I'm told I must try the **Wild Boar Ravioli, in Herb Coulis**, the **Roasted Duck Breast and Confit of Leg with Stars Anise**, and the **Parfait Glace Grand Marnier** next time—and I will, gladly.

Around Town

My recent trip to New York introduced me to several spots I feel compelled to mention. **Duplex**, at 61 Christopher St. in the West Village, is a Cabaret/Piano Bar with amazingly funny bits that all the regulars seem to know, like when someone yells out "6, 7, 8," and the entire room joins in an "Ahhhh, Baaa-by!", and when a passerby stopped to look in at the fun through a window, the singing bargirl, Amy, motioned for the poor wretch to come in. Once the door was opened, the rowdy, beer infested tables greeted him with an "Eat my yass!" Piano player Jerry pounds out '60s and '70s standards (with a fab takeoff on Delta Burke to the tune of "Delta Dawn," the Duplex theme song a la Manilow's "Copacabana"), bartenders and barbacks recount jokes about how fat their ex-wives are, and the crowd itself is lively, mischievous and dedicated as hell.

On the opposite end of the refinement spectrum lies **Bouley** (165 Duane St., Tribeca) the hottest chic restaurant in Manhattan. Run by the sophisticated and handsome Chef David Bouley, the one-room dining area is replete with Limoges china, fine crystal and black-tied waiters. Management couldn't be more cordial,

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remarkable for such a first-class place. If you can get a reservation, GO. As of this printing, Bouley is still running the $19.92 lunch special, a publicity thing begun for the Democratic convention. The special includes an appetizer, entree and dessert. Recent offerings include Fresh Asparagus Soup, Cape Cod Squid in a Coriander Sauce, New York Organic Hen with Yukon Gold Potatoes and Organic Broccoli, and Warm Wild Cherry Tart with Vanilla and Black Mint Ice Cream.

I happened upon **Pierre's Restaurant Francais** (at 170 Waverly Place in the West Village) one evening. A jovial, twentysomething maitre-d' waved us in, seated us at a darling table for two, and we watched the show: A man with a typically French face, wide smile, and crazy Hobo-Kelly-red wig played an accordion while a beautiful girl sang chansons of Edith Piaf. Parisian memories flooded my mind, and my palate, with excellent Soupe a l'onion gratinee, Pate de canard (duck pate), Gigot Georgelet (roast leg of lamb with *frites*), and Steak Sauce Poivre (tender sirloin in green peppercorn-cream sauce) dancing in rhythm to "Milord." As we found in several other Big Apple restaurants, white butcher paper on the tables and crayons amused us while we chatted and enjoyed *la vie New-Yorkaise*.

Having spent some time in **Masa's** kitchen (648 Bush at Dashiell Hammett), I can safely assert that here is the finest restaurant in San Francisco, one of the finest in the world. Spanish Chef Julian Serrano holds the reins, and produces absolutely tasty, gorgeous plates of food Tuesday through Saturday nights. Serrano's superiority is proven through dishes like Oysters Poached in Sauce Vermouth garnished with Osetra Caviar, Filet Mignon with Foie Gras Mousse and Black Truffles, and sauteed Sweet Breads served with Crayfish Sauce. Each and every sauce is not to be believed; it's surprising waiters don't come into the kitchen with requests for sides of sauce, but I suppose protocol demands otherwise. Desserts tend to be excellent versions of basics: creme brulee, fresh fruit sorbets, and chocolate mousse. A four-course prix fixe menu costs $68, quite reasonable considering the extraordinary effort involved in preparing such a meal, and a seven-course *degustation* menu is available, in Masa's polished, opulent dining room.

classics

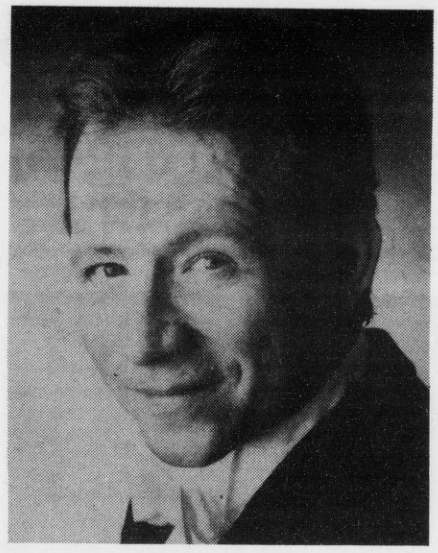
By Ching Chang

William Parker:

CD of Bach Cantatas And the AIDS Quilt Songbook 1992

Recorded last year and released this past week in the Classics section of your local record store is a CD particularly worthy of attention. It is Bach's BWV 82, *Ich habe genug*, and BWV 56, *Ich will den Kreuzstab gerne tragen*, performed by William Parker and members of the Arcadian Academy, under Nicholas McGegan. Released on the Harmonia Mundi USA label, the entire project was realized with volunteer labor: Musicians, producers and technicians donated their talents and skills, allowing the proceeds from sales nationwide to go to San Francisco's own Shanti Project.

Call me unoriginal if you want, but Cantata no. 82, *Ich habe genug (I have enough)* is my absolute favorite among Bach's cantatas. From the typical Bach sighing motifs in the oboe line which opens the work, to the subtle lifting pauses in the precious gem which is the second aria—*Schlummert ein, ihr matten Augen (Slumber now, ye weary eyes)*—the immediacy and directness of the content never fails to touch the listener. Taken from the *Song of Simeon*, the text is the personal narrative of someone who contemplates the end of life, the sadness and frustration, and the longing for peace. Bach's setting masterfully communicates the bittersweetness of that which cannot be verbalized behind the simple sincereness of the



textual lines. The effect is arresting and emotionally devastating.

Besides BWV 82 and BWV 56, this release also includes a bonus of Handel's arias from *Susanna* ("Who fears the Lord and Peace, crown'd with roses") and the *Messiah* ("The trumpet shall sound"), from previously released Harmonia Mundi set recordings.

William Parker's reading of the cantatas is highly personal and intimate. Gone is the round fullness and the muted ring which has somewhat characterized the sound in most of his other work. Instead, he interpretively downscales his tone to a more colloquial character, bringing out the more human qualities in his lyrical baritone voice. Both Cantatas nos. 56 and 82 are works traditionally performed by basses, and rather than letting sections which employ his bottom range be weakened, he is actually able to color his low notes with a murmuring, pleading quality, which works to his absolute advantage.

It is perhaps ironic that there is so much emotional truth transmitted in Parker's rendition of these works, not only through his artistry—he is one of the leading song interpreters in America—but because, at 49 (he celebrates his birthday this month, while performing at the Santa Fe Music Festival in New Mexico), he is fighting AIDS at the age most lyrical singers are at their vocal prime. He has lost more than 35 pounds over the past year, and since he disclosed his condition, many of his appearances and engagements have been cancelled by worried bookers. His instrument, though, has proved itself remarkably resilient, and, despite some short hospital stays, he finds himself in fine vocal health.

With a reduced number of engagements, William Parker, like so many others inflicted with AIDS who find a creative strength that comes from learning to live with the disease, decided to undertake a personal project, doing what he does best. Writing to a number of contemporary song composers, he asked each of them to compose and donate a song from a text or poem based on AIDS or by someone who has AIDS, to form the *AIDS Quilt Songbook 1992*. The response was extremely positive, and he received contributions from the likes of John Adams, Elizabeth Brown, Ned Rorem, Lee Hoiby, Chris DeBlasio, John Harbison, Annea Lockwood, Donald Wheelock, John Corigliano and others.

According to Parker, the composers who donated their songs include those who are gay, straight, Black, white, Latino; they also include five Pulitzer winners and four people with AIDS. Like the AIDS Memorial Quilt, the *Quilt Songbook* is supposed to keep growing, and the original first 18 entries (approximately 90 minutes of music) were premiered in New York at Alice Tully Hall last June 4, by William Parker himself along with fellow baritones (all song specialists) Kurt Ollman, William Sharp and Sanford Sylvan. As the *Songbook* is tried out throughout the country, some of the songs appear to be favorites already, like Donald Wheelock's "Fury" (words by Susan Snively), and Chris DeBlasio's "Walt Whitman in 1989" (words by Perry Brass). There is also black humor, as in David Krakauer's "The '80s Miracle Diet," with the line, "How I lost 40 pounds in two weeks," and "AIDS Anxiety," by Richard Pearson Thomas.

Will Parker plans to sing for as long as his health will permit him, and this month he presents the *AIDS Quilt Songbook 1992* in Santa Fe, at the "Live at the Lensic" benefit for the AIDS organization Santa Fe CARES. He is currently planning to bring the cycle to San Francisco (for another benefit), possibly by October, but the plans are still in the works.

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Sharing Ice Cream, Syringes And the Passing of a Goddess

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In a clap of lightning, the White Witch has been seized by the tempest, preceding countless others on a forced exodus.

I like to present myself as an Ice Queen, an emotionally unassaultable bastion of energy and endurance, someone to look to for support and stability under duress.

My newly acquired size 14 Laura Ashley frock hanging from my frame, I walked across the rooftop patio at Fusion toward a group of my close friends who had collected on a bench away from the fog below.

I suppose it was only too evident as I approached that I was distraught. My prep-school damaged pal Elizabeth quickly surmised my situation and asked me what was wrong. As I sat between my friends and laid my head on my emotional maintenance worker Ken's lap, I sobbed uncontrollably. He explained to others, "Someone died."

The circle around me expanded, as other friends came together to sit and comfort me as I grieved, a convulsing vision in genderific designer-dowdy. Usually I try to be the source of comfort and support for my family, but their returned sincere concern that night overwhelmed me, calming me as I wept in the presence of the other strangers populating the club.

Co-columnist Don Baird and I had locked ourselves in the club's employee bathroom minutes earlier to hold each other and cry together, grieving about the news of the evening. Desiree, our White Witch, had finally died after an excruciating extended struggle with the complications of AIDS.

The last time I spoke at length with Desiree, fittingly enough, was at the End-Up in the wee hours after daybreak. Sitting under a skylight near the fireplace, we held a disjointed conversation, our synapses strained by an evening which should have ended long before.

The early morning light illuminated her weathered face as we spoke, her eyes flicking about the room, bleached skin stretched over her sharp, imposing cheekbones.

I had followed her through the club to this spot, having spied her from a distance through the jaw-grinding assemblage. Though she steadied herself with a cane when she walked, Desiree insisted on wearing pumps as she passed across the world. A girl has to maintain some semblance of dignity, and some concessions are tantamount to surrender.

Knowing her patterns, I assumed correctly that she had spent the evening working corners in the Tenderloin, squinting into the windows of slowly passing cars, looking for trade. She explained to me proudly that just because she was ill, didn't mean she wasn't willing to put in an honest night's work.

Those of us who enjoyed her company often referred to her as the Speed Witch. Pagan spirituality and white witchcraft enveloped her presence, an undercurrent running through most discussions. I would occasionally spend time with her beside her post at Klubstitute's coat check, where she would extol the virtues of humanity, as an informed and wise observer of homosexuality's underbelly.

I met Desiree in the early days of the mod prim scene, where she served as the cocktail mistress of Casa Loma, a prehistoric hipster bar in the Lower Haight (LoHa). There I first heard of She-Who-Would-Be-Queen, Jerome, met Steven Maxine, and was introduced to Veronica Klaus, along with a host of others who would come to make up much of what I now view as San Francisco's Fabulous.

But she had been around San Francisco long before my friends and I had entered puberty. Back when Fusion's doorman Greg Wellman worked at the Stud, he used to relate stories of Folsom Street's zenith to me, sitting on the stools in the entryway to the bar. One of my favorites was set in the we-mean-business leather bar, the (original) Headquarters. Sitting in adjoining toilet stalls, a pair of drag queen patrons were casually sharing a tub of chocolate ice cream and a couple of syringes. One of the queens, I later learned, was Desiree.

I chose to privately celebrate her passing in a manner which I thought she would appreciate. Saturday night I again slipped on my Laura Ashley dress over my boots, dropped a tab, and went out to dish with friends till dawn, seeking out the End-Up as my final destination.

Rooted to a barstool early Sunday, I watched through the morning as tweakers scrutinized themselves, dancing in the mirrors of the club, sunglasses mandatory, tambourine optional. The daybreak clientele of the club presents a frightening collection of dilated pupils. When you empty your trash can into a rubbish bin, and look back in the can, what you find still stubbornly stuck to the sides of the can are the people at End-Up at 6 am.

Across the bar from me a drag queen performed a show on her stool whenever I inadvertently made eye contact, cartoonishly rearranging her styro-breasts, whipping her hands into the air in mock distress, writhing on her seat faster than a Ritalin-deprived toddler. I quickly came to avoid any eye contact.

As the sun rose in the sky, its reflection off the dance floor briefly illuminated the interior of the shadowy club. For a moment as the sun angled through its trajectory, the illusions which poor lighting can create were stripped away, revealing the pasty, sweat-stained wreckage which consciously chose the darker corners of the bar, safely distanced from the windows.

In night clubs and bars we have created a safe niche for ourselves, providing a realm which protects us from a society that would not allow us our individuality, fears our divergence from the norm, and would squelch our creative, independent spirit. An extensive extended (non-traditional) family has formed among many of us who live out much of our lives in Clubland, reaching back into the shadows of the Casa Loma and Homocore, and forward toward Klubstitute and the dressing room at Uranus. Desiree served as a grande dame in the house.

Hours later in the day, after a brief respite of sleep at my nearby home, I returned to the End-Up for an informal evening memorial at Club Uranus. It seemed the most appropriate place to get together in a public/private manner, quietly mourning with our friends, surrounded by strangers.

Standing with Flynn upstairs in the go-go room, my eyes started to blur. When Tippi died, Flynn paid living tribute by emulating her pastiche-adorned delicacy, recreating a vision of "Tippi" which he presented at the opening of *Vegas in Space*. Sunday upstairs, he stood before me, a dreadlocked Medea, diaphanous in sheer black, his eyes transformed by red and black and white makeup. He was now Desiree.

The back of my neck tightening up and my throat becoming swollen, I turned to a removed corner away from the dressing area and cried again for a time.

On the stairs back to the club proper, Kitty Litter observed that I was distraught, and asked me if I'd had a hard day. Again I let loose, sobbing, as he embraced me and there-there'd my grief. Normally I try to be the Energizer Bunny, unstoppable with my drum, but I had come unplugged and needed a charge.

As my erratic breathing pattern eased with her soothing, standing on stairs, go-go dancers passing to and fro around us, we shared our memories of Desiree, her history, and how she impacted our lives.

In a "normal" context, the passing of a friend is mourned as an individual loss, worthy of remembrance and deserving of focused appreciation. With AIDS, however, comes a greater knowledge of loss, knowing that many more of our friends, and uncountable numbers of strangers, will follow.

Last week not only marked the passing of Desiree from my life, but also the AIDS-related departures of my friends, Sister Vice n' Virtue and Sister Psychedelia.

Four more of my 20-ish friends tested seropositive last week. Youth does not promise immunity, but rather portends naivete.

Recently at Cafe Flore, sitting in a gaggle of cocktail celebs, I listened as three friends beside me discussed drugs. I thought they were discussing psychedelics, but quickly clued in that they were talking about experimental therapies.

I do not mean to be the feel-bad columnist who should be read with *Morrissey* spinning in the background, but for me, my writing reflects my world, and as time progresses, more of my friends are becoming symptomatic, perhaps only manifesting night sweats and occasional unexplained fevers for the present, but symptomatic, nonetheless.

Until now I had seen the lightning in the distance, with the clap of thunder following later, providing a disturbing spectacle on the horizon. Now the flash and the roar are simultaneous, and the storm has started to destroy my home.

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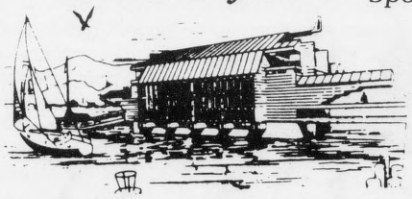

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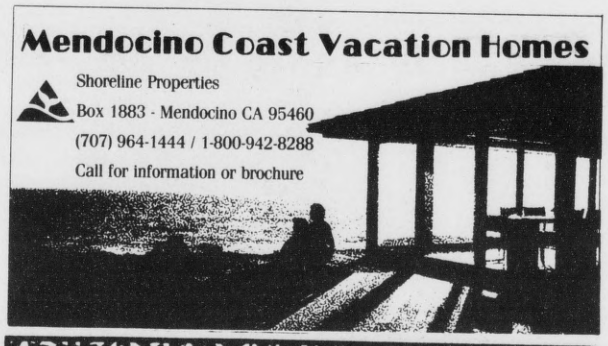

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Richard III

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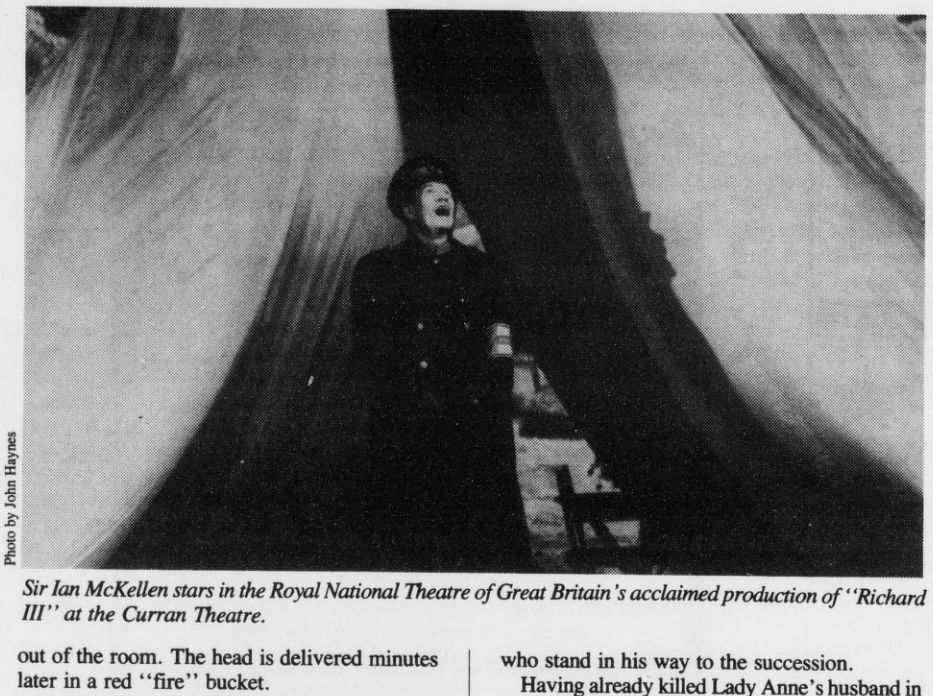
Directed by Richard Eyre, this Royal National Theatre production sets the play against the militaristic background of 20th century fascism. With the resounding crack of a bomb hit, swirls of smoke rise out of blackness. Into the glare of descending rows of industrial lighting Richard appears, snarling and hissing, to advise us of the winter of his discontent.

As a contemporary political thriller, the cumulative scenic and directorial effects—prison cells, hospital halls, cabinet rooms, train stations—take on a chilling significance. The long dining table at which the formally attired Yorks and Lancasters dine and argue serves as the setting—as flashbulbs pop—for the stereotypical portrait of smiling royals. The same table hosts Richard's cabinet meeting where, discovering Hastings' reluctance to fall into line, he commands simply, "Off with his head" and flounces out of the room. The head is delivered minutes later in a red "fire" bucket.



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Sir Ian McKellen stars in the Royal National Theatre of Great Britain's acclaimed production of "Richard III" at the Curran Theatre.

In a nod to recent history, the hot-tempered Richard slaps a soldier. In one scene a "Nazi-style" mural of an idealized Richard with a white horse unfolds. In another, a cherry picker platform lifts Richard above the heads of the "conventioneering" crowd as king-maker Buckingham pleads with him to accept the crown. Military uniforms and armbands emblazoned with the cross of St. George are the order of the day until, in a unique comment on the existence of medievalism in a contemporary glorification of war, suits of armor are strapped on for the final battle.

With the left side of his head shaved to indicate a birth defect and with his withered left arm, "a blasted sapling," anchored in the pocket of his military greatcoat, this limping but imperious brother to the dying King Edward tramples all who stand in his way to the succession.

Having already killed Lady Anne's husband in the recent wars, he immediately sets about wooing Anne. But soon tiring of her as wife, he lets out word that she is sick and blackmails Queen Elizabeth (widow of Edward) into promising him her daughter (his niece) as wife. He has Lords Rivers and Grey killed and sends a lackey to dispatch his brother Clarence, a prisoner in the Tower. Calling for the young Prince of Wales on the pretext of arranging for his coronation, he assigns the boy and his younger brother to the Tower and promptly has them smothered to death. The defective Buckingham is captured and killed.

Now crowned and with none left in the bloodline to challenge him, Richard admits, "I am so far in blood that sin will pluck on sin." But security is short-lived. Rebelling factions of the nobility are gathering supporters and marching on London under the flag of the Earl of Richmond. Richard, again in his element, dashes off to war. Against a painted backdrop of an idyllic English countryside, horseless and fighting on foot, he is cut down.

Antonia Pemberton plays Queen Margaret, whose prophesies come to pass and whose raging curses reveal a hell-bent style of acting only equalled by McKellan's. Anastasia Hille plays Lady Anne as a Jean Harlow vision in her clinging white satin, but brought little more than surface pity to the role. Elegant and calculating, Charlotte Cornwell's Queen Elizabeth is layered with icy intelligence. Rosaline Knight gives an impeccable reading as the Duchess of York, Richard's mother, who has despised him since birth.

Malcolm Sinclair is particularly touching as the trusting Clarence, and the double-cast Peter Darling is the boyishly exuberant Earl of Richmond, who ends the play with a rigid-armed salute and the cry, "The bloody dog is dead."

Much more than the study of one man's evil, this *Richard III* is a penetrating exploration of the blind mindset of the minions, the politicians and the powerful who allow fascism to gain foothold.

Richard III plays Tuesdays through Sundays at the Curran Theatre through Sept. 13. Call 762-BASS or the box office.

M. Butterfly

The TheatreWorks production of David Henry Hwang's Tony award-winning *M. Butterfly* is, without question, the best of the three I have seen. The set is more subdued than the Broadway and touring company versions, giving more focus to the actors. Mark Capri as Rene Gallimard, the Beijing-stationed French diplomat who carried on a romantic liaison with a Chinese opera star (and Communist spy) for 20 years, is more ingratiating, more compelling, and at the end more tragic in his need to believe that he had been "loved by the perfect woman."

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Francis Jue stars in Theatreworks' production of "M. Butterfly," thru Sept. 6 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts.

impersonator played by TheatreWorks veteran Francis Jue, who performed Song Liling in the touring company and understudied A. Mapa during the Curran Theatre run. Jue is a superb Song Liling—intelligent, fragile, alluring and, more importantly, adept at creating the illusion Gallimard craved. One might well believe that this Song Liling could deceive a man besotted with the traditional imperialist views of the East as feminine and passive. Jue, in a handsomely choreographed display of swordsmanship in an opera battle scene, gives a brief preview of the tough, defiant male he will become when he stands up in a French court to give evidence against Gallimard.

Based on a true case of diplomatic treason and gender confusion, Hwang's drama begins in Gallimard's prison cell in 1987. In cinematically interwoven scenes we move forward and backward and first meet the awkward, girl-shy student with school chum Marc (Jeff Bengford), who will appear in subsequent dream scenes as a sounding board for Gallimard's romantic affair.

Obsessed with Puccini's opera, *Madama Butterfly,* during his decade (1960-70) as a minor diplomat in China, Gallimard resolves his own sexual insecurity by visualizing himself as Pinkerton with Song Liling as his eager and willing sex toy. In keeping with the Puccini libretto, the enterprising Song Liling convinces him that she is pregnant, retires to the country for a few months, and returns to present him with a blond, blue-eyed baby supplied by her spy masters.

When his prognosis of the Vietnam War proves of little practical use to the French and American military, he is relieved of his duties and sent home. In Paris, he is unmasked and jailed for his role in passing information, wittingly or not, to the Communists.

Ginger Drake gave a strong and touching performance as Gallimard's ineffectual and trusting wife. Keith Bentley did double duty as the head of the Beijing diplomatic corps and later as the French judge whose confusion about the sexual nature of the long-lasting affair was quite explicitly cleared up by the male Song Liling. Ev Shiro as maidservant Suzuki also doubled as the spy master Comrade Chin, who gave Song Liling her assignments while despising her methods of accomplishing them. Laure Larkin was delightful as Gallimard's one-night stand, who delivered a few pertinent observations about the male penis from the female viewpoint.

This thoroughly satisfying production was directed by Robert Kelley and Christina Yao. Choreography by Yong Yao; setting by Jeffrey Struckman; lighting by Maurice Vercoutere; and costumes by Pamela Lampkin.

M. Butterfly plays Tuesdays through Sundays at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts through Sept. 6. Call (415) 903-6000.

Ladies' Room

Not since *Ladies' Night in a Turkish Bath* (opened 1920, revived constantly through 1961) has any show as overtly titillating as *Ladies' Room* made a legitimate appearance.

Check the premise: three women locked in immoral combat for the affections of one horny advertising executive. Add two hysterically funny "party" girls and it's happy hour in the inner sanctum.

Check the setting: the ladies' room of a Mexican restaurant, fully equipped with make-up tables, two working stalls, and several wall-mounted vending machines for condoms, tampons, perfume, etc.

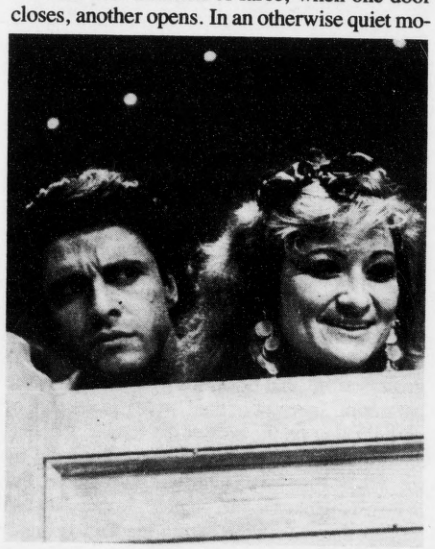
The plot is negligible. The wit is relatively visual. But the performances happily range from broad to funny to sensitive and occasionally moving.

Originally written and performed by playwright Robin Schiff as a brief sketch for an L.A. improv group, this full-length exercise in burlesque shtick purports to investigate the politics of office sex. Liz (Robin Riker)—dressed as the ad agency success she is—and good friend Kathleen (Ellen Ratner)—who has become a slightly alcoholic, slightly sex-crazed, self-destructive woman—meet for drinks and dinner. While they undress and primp and dress again, each admits an attraction to VP Joel (Sam Fontana). Further complicating this friendly duel is the appearance of Joel's sexy secretary Ellen (Diane Stilwell), a former Playboy bunny, who is considerably smarter than she thinks it's smart to admit.

Whenever there's a slight pause in this trio's confessional, the door swings open to admit a pair of black-attired party girls (Christie Mellor and Lisa Kudrow) who dash in, redo their make-up and shriek in a semi-private language that translates into lines like "the *rully, rully* cutest men have the *rully, rully* best jobs." These free-wheeling tarts are *rully, rully* two of the funniest women I've seen on stage in a decade.

Then we have cocktail waitresses. They, too, pop in with inordinate frequency. (Who's serving drinks out there?) Sharisse (Kate Benton) is the one commonly mistaken for a dyke; buxom Carmen (Bridget Siena) has a stock of over-the-counter drugs tucked into her cleavage; and tearful Gigi (Kimmy Robertson), having overindulged in diuretics, spends much of her time in one of the stalls.

In the best tradition of farce, when one door closes, another opens. In an otherwise quiet moment, Kathleen tricks Joel into the ladies' room, spills a pitcher of margaritas in his crotch, yanks off his pants on the pretext of drying them and pushes Joel into a stall. When the other women return, Kathleen leads them into the frankest sexual confessions regarding Joel. When his presence is discovered, Liz and Ellen turn their humiliation into advantage and a sullied virtue triumphs.



Robin Schiff's "Ladies Room": Investigating the politics of office sex.

Some fine performances save this play from its own silly mechanics. Ellen Ratner, whose one-woman show, *Personality,* was a hit in the City a couple of years ago, is unfortunately saddled with a role that asks her to be funny (and she is), but at the same time to display a mean streak that makes her unsympathetic. Riker and Stilwell bring an impressive emotional depth to their stereotypical roles, and Kudro and Mellor, as the grown-up valley girls on the prowl, are hilarious from the start.

As the cause of all the sexual unrest at the agency and in the ladies' room, Sam Fontana invests his role with considerable macho insolence.

If it's true that *Ladies' Room* is under consideration for a sitcom pilot, rest assured they'll censor some of the more blatant jokes about diaphragms, body hair waxing, nipples, penis size and wet toilet seats. As my companion said, "It's really raunchy, but it's really funny. It may run for years."

Ladies' Room continues at Theatre on the Square. Call (415) 433-9500 or BASS/TM.

The Weekend

Reviewed by Debra Miller

As a critic/reviewer, I like to say good things about the productions I review. It comes from my other life as a performer and person involved in the production of theater. I know just how much work it entails to put up a theatrical piece, whether it be a small two-hander or a musical comedy. Many long hours of planning, cajoling other people to believe in the vision, finding resources and building the work, are involved. In New York, one bad review the night of the first show can end the project, not to mention putting many people out of work.

Having said all this, for the benefit of most of you who do not know my work, I must also look to my duties as a critic. On the one hand, I am a consumer reporter: telling you where to find the best work for the best price. And as such I must be honest. On the other hand, I am a lesbian activist, attempting to be supportive of our creative work. So herein lies the dilemma.

The Weekend, by Tammis Day, currently at the Cowell Theater, has all the elements of a good production: a beautiful, modern theater, complete with every technical advantage, name designers, experienced actors, money. Unfortunately, it doesn't have a strong script or creative direction, and while I have seen plenty of queer theater without a particularly strong script, most had another element to bring it through—belief in itself. To me, it feels like the direction and acting in *The Weekend* is motivated by money and, in my experience, money can never replace true love for the work.

I am disappointed by the work because it is billed as a play "about language among women—intellectual, eccentric, non-apologizing women." The reality as I saw it couldn't have been further from the truth. The language was not language I, or the three women I chatted with at intermission, use or are even familiar with. If it was supposed to be witty repartee, the wit got lost and we ended up with just the worst part—mean, sarcastic, drunken and sometimes meaningless repartee. The build-up to the classic denouement, or high dramatic point, was long and tedious, only relieved by the entrance of the comic relief character, a straight, but kooky, Northeasterner. Played appealingly by Kathryn Gay Wilson, Pamela was the only character I could identify with, although I couldn't understand why she let herself be bullied by two very drunk, very frustrated, very unattractive (I am not referring to physical beauty) lesbians. Catherine, played by Anni Long, is an alcoholic actress who, we are to assume, is too depressed and too drunk to continue with her career. Helena, played by Donna Davis, is a professor and writer of novels (one, written after the love-of-her-life left without notice, is a violent, cut-em-up, trashy novel), who still pines for her lost gal-pal. Catherine is hot for Helena, although that is hard to follow at first. There are references made to "climbing in bed with" and "faking sleep," a cat-and-mouse game. In the first act there was more alcohol poured than a good night at the G-Spot. Then we are introduced to the troublemaker herself: the Teutonic heartbreaker Joka (Bari Hochwald), who just happens to make her way to this remote Maine island to "make amends" to Helena. After a loud and public fight, Catherine enters the fray to throw her two cents in, and Joka stalks off to take a walk in the haunted countryside. The play moves on from there to the next morning—4 am to be exact—where the drunken trio continue their musing on life and where the hell Joka is. After some drama (I don't want to spoil the mystery) all is made better. It is a clean ending, but not entirely believable.

The set design by Douglas Schmidt is fantastic. I haven't seen this real of a set in a production of this scale (running water and cold refrigerator) in a long time. However, in the piece I am thinking of, there was a purpose for the running water; here, there was none. Clearly, there was money to use and a hope that (like the big boyz on Broadway) a set will save the show. Unfortunately, in theater, after the initial "oohs" and "aahs," the audience wants to see a play. The lighting design, by Kurt Landisman, is also effective, taking us through an eastern sunset, sunrise and lightning storm.

Ms. Day and her lover-producer Sandra Rich have the theatrical talent to put on a first-rate production. I was impressed by their advertising and promotion, the choice of theater and production values. However, it may have been put to better use if they had done an all-female version of Oscar Wilde or Joe Orton. Let's fact it: for self-effacing, self-hating theater, the oppressed boys of yore have it down. It's time to move on from, instead of through, that period. Lesbians do not need to have this picture thrown up in front of them. The reality of a 35 percent alcoholism rate is alarming enough. My lesbian image, as portrayed in film and theater of late, is the dark and ugly side: psycho-killers and drunks who can't look each other in the eyes. I am not a Pollyanna, but it is time for more than this.

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Bag of Toys

By David France
Warner Books; 1992, $21.95

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

Ever rubberneck a roadside scene of carnage? Although inconvenient, what with slow traffic, noise and maybe some bad smells, there seems to exist a human tendency to check out scenes of blood and gore. Thanks to Warner Books, you can now do this from the safety and convenience of your own home. Why venture outside when you can kick back and read *Bag of Toys*, which luridly presents facts and testimonies surrounding the S/M-related murder of a gay man in the mid-1980s?

> Where the hood ended, below the nose, the flesh ended, too. A ridge of meat dropped down to the cheekbones and exposed teeth. It created a hideous special-effects spectacle: What remained of Eigil Vesti's face seemed like a latex hood itself, affixed to a dirty biology-class skeleton.

One of the murderers may still be at large. Now that's serious... and scary. But damn! This big book's black cover features a close-up of a black leather jacket and proclaims in striking red letters "Sex, Scandal, and the Death Mask Murder." Slathering on layers of colorful adjectives, author David France wallows in the venue of tabloid journalism (heavy on sensationalism and implication) to detail the people and events surrounding the infamous S/M slaying of Eigil Vesti, more specifically the involvement and responsibility of Andrew Crispo, who remains unprosecuted.

Mr. France won the 1987 Detroit Press Club award for magazine writing and the 1988 Gay Press Association award for best feature story. His credits continue. So, *why* would this well-respected writer and journalist use a format made famous by *The Star* and *National Enquirer* to tell the very real tale of real-life (and real-death) murder? But his chosen "style" of writing insults the severity of the story and the minds of the people reading it.

> August 1984. The heat and humidity in New York mounted a conspiracy against the city's tenuous civility. Fumes from restaurant waste, piled on the street corners of Chinatown, snaked low through the hot, dripping air as far north as Fourteenth Street. The blood and fat splattered by day over the streets of the meat-packing district in the far West Village resisted all efforts to be hosed down the sewer at night.

The lurid tabloid style typically specializes in brief, juicy tidbits with eyebrow-raising headlines (you know, such as "Sex, Scandal, and the Death Mask Murder") to be glanced at in line at the grocery store, and florid stories to be read in the bathroom. Inherent in the "style" is the lack of participation on the part of the reader. Conclusions are drawn clearly and heavy-handedly by the writer. Fine for a fantastical short article. But is it sustainable for 346 pages?! Perhaps if read in brief snippets in the bathroom. Perhaps not.

SEX! Although promised on the cover in capital red letters, the sex at no point even attempts to become sexually arousing. No, instead sex is depicted as disgusting, dangerous and/or immoral. The following excerpt is one of the few *consensual* acts France provides:

> Against an opposing wall, the wooden old flesh of a gentleman's buttocks was turned pink by a dominatrix in a tightly laced bodice. Following each swing of her crop, she adjusted her position, reaching for fatty terrain, allowing hot spots to cool off. A thin muscle in her victim's neck twitched reflexively at each swipe; his wrists, roped to a metal ring well above his head, did not strain or twist or yank. The arms dangled there, a testament to his will and endurance. From the surrounding stones and concrete, a musky, moldy odor rose up in fits.

Perhaps more indicative of France's own attitude about sex is his description of the early 1970s scene: "Also soaring was gay sex, long celebrated in the funky privacy of secret back rooms, isolated park thickets, and the furtive enclosures of toilets and flophouses and Lower East Side walk-ups."

SCANDAL (also promised in those eyebrow-raising red letters) appears in abundance. Hundreds of scraps of information regarding Andrew Crispo's homosexuality and personal life are dredged up and presented in the blackest possible interpretations. Famous names from Debbie Harry to Karen Valentine, from Roy Cohn to Liberace are not just dropped, they are slam dunked at the reader, machine gunned throughout the text regardless of any proven or substantial connection to the Vesti murder and/or Crispo.

Of the cover's dark promises, only the DEATH MASK MURDER is truly covered by France. And that, in abundance. Although the author concludes for the reader again and again that Crispo is evil and murderous, unfortunately he cannot conclusively present the vitally needed new information for successful prosecution. Rather, France's greatest achievement lies in his investigative acumen and painstaking accumulation of data from an incredible variety of sources.

Unfortunately, the amount of information becomes unwieldy within the chosen method of storytelling. Events unfold in an overall chronological order only when centering around Crispo's life. At the relative beginning are details of a gay troublemaker in Philadelphia who relocates to New York to avoid possible incarceration. In Gotham Crispo rises quickly to status of millionaire art collector and gallery owner. By the book's end, Crispo is released from a minor prison sentence (obtained through tax fraud) and remains at large and unprosecuted for alleged crimes.

All other people, events, etc. surrounding the Vesti murder are introduced to the reader in an ever-changing whirlwind of times and places. France leapfrogs over decades, cities and countries as he pieces together a frightening and sordid jigsaw puzzle. Many times the reader must look back through the pages to distinguish between the antics of Bernard and the passivity of Hank and/or Hal. The names blend and the dates jumble in a tangled gnarl of narration.

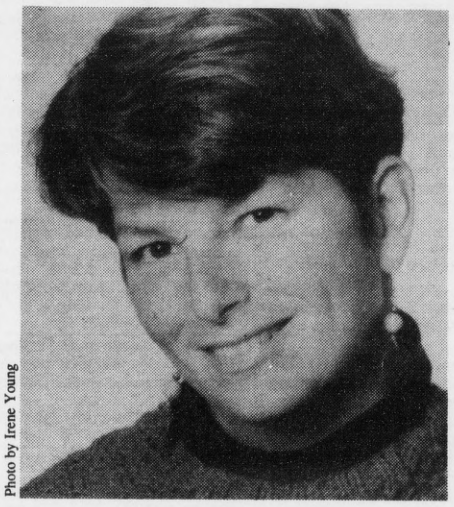
Maybe Crispo did instigate the death of Eigil Vesti. Maybe he even pulled the trigger himself! But what grows more and more obvious through the course of the 346-page diatribe is author France's constant association of Crispo's sick, twisted homosexual life with murderous tendencies. At the close of Part II—Complex Passions—France even alleges to know his villain's innermost perverted thoughts, proving himself to be unrealistically omniscient: "Crispo was thinking that danger, in sexual matters, was exciting. He was thinking that intimacy was designed to be shared by strangers. He was thinking, as he often said, that the unfortunate, costly incident 'could have happened to anyone.' "

I bet the Fundamentalists will beg for rights to publish future reprints. "Ministers" will latch onto the examples of degrading, humiliating and nonconsensual gay sex. Bible Belt housewives will fling aside their copies of the *Enquirer* and eagerly assimilate the revolting tales of even more revolting homosexuals.

France is to be commended for his thorough investigative research, but the final product, *Bag of Toys*, subverts the severity of the possible injustices it chronicles. A hit for thrill seekers, but a disappointment for those seeking that mercurial commodity called truth.

An Interview With Penny Rosenwasser

by Jacqueline Elizabeth Letalien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In talking with Penny Rosenwasser and reading the transcript, I had the sense of being with the living personage of the ancient feminine archetype, the goddess as vessel. She is a woman full with a generosity of purpose, filling our cups with the stories of inspiring, strong, wise women.

Penny actively lives her philosophies by doing a great deal of work in the community. She has two books of interviews published this year: *Visionary Voices: Women on Power* (Aunt Lute Press) and *Voices from a "Promised Land": Palestinian & Israeli Peace Activists Speak Their Hearts* (Curbstone Press). She also produces and broadcasts KPFA and organizes for the Middle East Children's Alliance.

I walked away from this interview peaceful, full, still. The nourishment of the stories will keep me keepin' on for quite some time.

(SF Bay Times) How do you choose the women you include?

(Rossenwasser) These women are doing something that is so different from what I have been taught about allowing things to happen, about having an open heart.

I could not have done the work in Palestine and Israel without an open heart. I was with a young Palestinian woman who was driving me around. I asked, "What's your goal for the intifada?" I was thinking she'd say to have a Palestinian state. She says, "To drive all Jews into the sea." I took a deep breath and I just kept thinking: "Open heart, carry an open heart," which I had learned from Flor Fernandez and Colleen Kelley. As we talked, I came to find out that her mother's leg had been blown off by an Israeli explosive when this woman was a child. This woman had grown up with a mother who was hobbling around her house, very bitter because of what had been done to her. I could understand that. If I had not been able to have an open heart and gotten into my self-righteousness, I never would have gotten that information.

What do you see as woman power?

For me, the book's focus came out of a personal quest for healthy uses of power. We were modeling methods of intimidation, manipulation. When I realized that the result was disrespectful and disempowering to each other, I wanted to learn how to do it differently. The environment's a good example. Our society has this attitude about dominating the environment. We need to attune ourselves to the rhythms in a way that's respectful of every other part of the environment: the resources, the animals, other human beings and to create mutually beneficial ways. Fran Peavey says in her interview it is the importance of caring for life at every turn.

It comes down to how I drive; it's seeing myself as part of everything out there, not more important or less important. I understand that in ways that I feel superior to some people, I feel inferior to other people. It all comes back to self-esteem. I'm no more important than that little squirrel or that river. For me to respond in balance with that squirrel and that river is going to benefit all of us. When I'm trying to control either one of them, it's throwing the whole system off.

A common practice around power is saying that it's external in terms of money, status, footnotes, scholarship. It seems the feminine is about acknowledging your own source of power.

Exactly; believing that we have that information, that we can access it and that that's true. Vicki Noble talks about sourcing power intuitively inside ourselves, our bellies. We have that information in us if we can just stop for a while, listen to it; seeing power as a receptive, not a stamping-my-foot mode. Flor Fernandez talks about needing to go inside and learn, and use that to connect, to do our healing out in the world.

Deena Metzger will say we have to stop; we are being so reactive; we're acting out of panic; we're acting hysterically. We need to stop, reflect, think and then move very slowly. She has this poem: "they are trying to set fire to the world/we are in danger/there is time only to work slowly/there is no time not to love." The other thing Deena says, that underlies all this, is that we have to be ruthless in our affiliation with the life force. Then let everything flow from that; perpetuate the life force: meaning a positive, spiritual, life-affirming concept.

What does the word "ruthless" mean to you?

When Deena Metzger uses "ruthless," she's reclaiming the word. For me, it means letting my affiliation with what is life-affirming dictate everything else, in any situation, whether I see someone on the street who needs help, or I work in coalition with women of color. I can sense inside myself life force, affirmation of life, which is affirmation of beauty, spirit, love. Vivienne Verdon-Roe talks about when you let go of control, you can be amazed at what can happen. It's about doing our work, asking for help on a concrete and spiritual level, letting go and trusting.

What is it you're trusting?

My spirituality, my connection to spirit, myself. A prayer from the *Talmud*—"it is not mine to complete the work in my lifetime but it is mine to do my unique part"—helps me to sort out and get clear when I feel like I have to do everything. (I have to save the world, I have to go to this meeting.) If I pray for my unique task, I get the information I need. It might come in a conversation with a friend, it might come when I wake up in the morning. It's not just sitting there twiddling my thumbs, holding my hands out waiting for it to drop. It's doing the footwork on a few different levels. That involves some privilege; I do have some choices economically that some people don't have. The point for me is to use that privilege as best I can to change things.

Often privilege is put down, but actually there are benefits for all of us.

We've gotta use that to change things. Papusa Molina does a lot of work around unlearning racism and respecting our differences. She talks about using what power the society gives us to change the institution. If it's white lesbian women, using that power to change the work that we're doing, not trying to throw it away, discount it or feeling guilty because I have power and this poor woman of color doesn't. I have it: how can I use it, how can I share the control? Acknowledge in any situation where our privilege is, and then be out there, take responsibility. It's not coming from guilt. Papusa talks about taking responsibility for our mistakes. That's where we gain power instead of feeling guilty or shifting the blame. Okay, I did it wrong: how can I do it better next time, what can we do about it now? That's a powerful stance.

What's the definition of community?

For me, it's people I feel are like-minded in our vision and values; people I feel a close personal affinity with, a family. I am the happiest when I am in community, whether it's with groups I lead to Palestine and Israel every December or going to the Women's Solstice Camp or being part of the Michigan Women's Music Festival. In those situations, which happen to be all-women situations, I feel the most myself, whole, excited, loved, nurtured, nourished. They're also situations where there's valuing, respecting each other, working in cooperation, allowing for input from each other.

What is the value of publishing these interviews?

My role is as a conduit, a catalyst; helping make the invisible, visible. I love to hear people's stories; I learn so much. It's a way I can hear, understand, and grasp history, sociology, racism from hearing about what happened to you. I have privilege in this society; I want to be a vehicle for helping get those stories out there so we can learn from each other. It's valuable to be sharing our information with each other, which doesn't take away from the fact that there's the knowledge inside us. It's like Lakota Harden says: if I'm drawn to what Lakota says, there's something in me that recognizes that truth. It's not to put her up as a guru and I'm this lowly follower. There's something in me that's shining because I resonate with what she's saying. It's reminding me of something I already knew.

That support and encouragement is critical for us to be giving to each other. It's not an individual process. Suha Hindiyeh, a Palestinian woman, says, "It's not about what one person does, it's the group of us; what we can all do together."

I asked Naomi Newman, who's in Traveling Jewish Theatre, about her relationship with Deena Metzger and Barbara Meyerhoff (who has since died of cancer). The three of them had this incredibly creative friendship with each other. They would meet a day a month for years; spend the whole day together talking about ideas, arguing. The priority was the relationship, that bond, and within that there was a space to challenge each other. Naomi says she was crying over the phone, "I don't have time to write;" and Deena says, "Get up at six a.m. and write."

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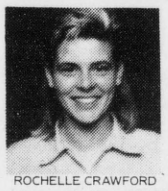

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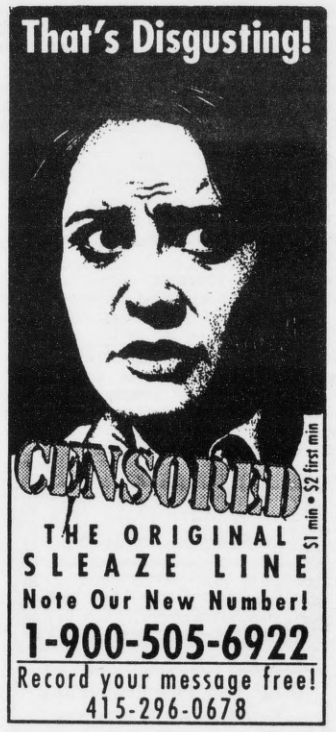

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Get together for Shabbat, schmooze, support, etc. Monthly? East Bay, SF, Marin. Leave name and phone. Reply BT Box AG605B or call ★★9525.

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Vita Seeking Harold
Let's co-paint a Portrait of a Marriage—but not a sexless one! Intense, zany woman, mid-30s, bisexual, seeks bonafide bisexual man for devoted but flexible bond. Straight men bore the bejesus out of me. Looking for wit, tenderness and fire in a grown up man with a sense of both responsibility and the absurd. Someone who relishes a delicious conundrum: the man/woman in me and himself. Caution: Seeking partner/playmate, not plaything. Reply BT Box AG300B or call ★★9496.

Not A Stud
I'm a 44-year-old BiWM. I'm friendly, educated, responsible, disease-free, employed and I have a good sense of humor. Alas, alas, I'm a very low-energy person. I'm seeking M/F/couples interested in low-key, friendly, safe sex, e.g., mutual J/O. If you have some of these qualities, it would be great: young, smooth, Asian, thin, sense of humor, like hot tubs, inexpensive, ethnic restaurants, acoustic music. PO Box 22201, SF 94122 or call ★★9497.

Naked Nude Show-Off
Pretty young show-off person wanted to pose naked and more for amateur photographer, who is a skinny, cute, senior, father-figure type, very laid back, you'll love him. You can be kinky, outdoorsy, stockings & heels type, lesbian, a couple, into S/M, or even a nice, smooth boy. Upper Haight. You get prints. Call ★★9498.

BiWF, mid-40s, happily married, incredibly busy life, reasonably pretty. Seeking same or older for occasional afternoons of grand passion. I make love to you for hours, gently sucking the beautiful nipples of your heavy breasts until you're in delicious frenzy. Moving south, my tongue and fingers bring you slowly to total fulfillment. Then I do it all to you again. We meet in some comfortable, out of the way spot because discretion is an absolute must for both of us. Is this you? Let's talk over coffee. Reply BT Box AG301B or call ★★9499.

East Bay Cycling Buddy Sought
Progressive, in-shape, BiWM (HIV-), 36 y.o., seeks clean, sex-positive, BiWM, for rides in the Oak/Berk Hills (Skyline Dr.). I like physical challenge but no competitive games; also interested in long, slow, stiff, J/O sessions and other safe, physical intimacies. High libido desired. G.R., PO Box 11548, Oakland 94611-0548 or call ★★9500.

A Dyke And Her Dog
Overly busy pet owner seeks like-minded gyrls and butches to help me train my dog. I'm a mean and twisted femmey-butch bi-dyke. Dog is a (biologically human male) fag perv pain-pig. You (singular or plural) are female by birth or choice and queer-identified. The deal: You and I beat him, cut him, pierce him and/or fuck him from both ends while he barks, whines and howls for mercy. All too soon I'll have to go to work or a meeting, but if you are happy and Dog is miserable, I'll leave him in your custody. Return the pieces when you are done. We play safely and consensually. HIV status is irrelevant. Reply BT Box AG302B or call ★★9501.

Seeking Attractive Transsexual
SWM, mid-40s, 5'11", 160 lbs., brown hair & eyes, reasonably attractive. I'm interested in exploring mutual eroticism with transsexual. I'm attracted to slender and petite builds. Call ★★9502.

I Don't Really See...
... Why can't we go on as three?! Are you a woman who resents having to alternately give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 33, and WM, 27. Let's look into developing a friendship, with an eye to the possibility of an equal partnership in fully integrated, committed, triadic relationship. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, photography, tropical islands, dining out. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★9503.

Trapped In One's Mind
Your emotions say you want it, but your mind doesn't think it's possible—hence you won't even try, or you make a weak attempt and give up. You are a bisexual woman and your soul wants to love both women and men, yet your rational mind has always forced you to choose one. You are a free thinker when it comes to your career, social issues, politics, etc., yet you shortchange yourself of life's potential by not exploring alternative relationships that might open up new horizons for you. Explore these issues with a loving, dynamic, multifaceted female/male couple around 30. No commitment and no sales-(wo)man will call, but don't put it off anymore! Remember, what you try may fail—but what you don't try fails automatically... Call ★★9504.

Metaphysical Spiritual Woman
With a strongly developed, submissive-masochistic, erotic nature, sought for lots of negotiation, play, exploring our pasts, creating goals in the future, while we explore the wild frontier of our sexual natures. We are nicotine-free, HIV-, healthy, communicative, dependable, honest, compassionate. You: 30-49, height/weight proportionate, like sleeping together. Me: BiWM, 44, 5'10", trim, unpretentious, blue eyes, great kisser, experienced sadist, dominant, into commitment, tantra, magik. Call ★★9505.

Revenge Therapy Available
For empowering feminists. Just joking—well, sort of. Attractive BiWM, boyish 30s, seeks safe, submissive role play. Need to act out your aggressions? Or just have some fun? Let's talk! I'm non-threatening, small (5'6", 120 lbs.), somewhat androgynous body and my ass is yours. Your age, race, looks, size, gender at birth are not important. Just your attitude. Couples (etc.). OK. Call ★★9506.

men

Jock Sucker
Horny straight, bi or masculine gay guys who enjoy great head but are particular about appearance of the giver, then this ad's for you. The giver is a healthy, HIV-, masculine, bearded, sports-minded, straight-acting, divorced bi who thinks it's better to give than receive. Send facial photo to PO Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★9537. Live in South Bay but will travel for right guy.

Masculine Italian
6'2", dark hair & eyes, husky build, young 40s, smoker, good-looking, moustache, hairy chest, healthy HIV+. Good positive outlook on life. Possess an inner adventurous child. Down-to-earth type. Successful. Seeking a slim, masculine man who is uncomplicated, happy, tolerant, versatile & romantic. A few of my interests include traveling, remodeling, carpentry, gardening, socializing & fast cars. Possible monogamous relationship. Reply: 1547 Palos Verdes Mall, #170, Walnut Creek 94596-2228 or call ★★9538.

Tall, Dark & Handsome
So they tell me. GWM, 29, 6'6", 215, brn hair, green eyes, masculine, HIV-, professional. I have a great life; own a home in the valley (80 miles east of SF), great job, beautiful golden retriever, etc. But single. I enjoy: progressive music, boating, weekend getaways, the gym, walks, evenings at home watching "Star Trek—The Next Generation" or "Murphy Brown." If you're 20 to 33, fit, good-looking and sincere, let's talk. Call ★★9539.

A Handsome Thai Male
Is available to a special GWM! Hi! I am 35, 5'8", 170#, and a collegiate, guy-next-door type with a hard, silky bod. Huggable and beddable. A tennis player and a software professional. I seek a high-achieving GWM. He is 30-45, athletic, cleanshaven, and an incurable romantic. Please respond to Boxholder 128, 633 Post St., SF 94109 or call ★★9540.

Handsome, Hunky, Peninsula Men Wanted!
By a somewhat shy 32-year-old GWM who is 6'2", 180, with brown hair, blue eyes, a short beard and enjoys hiking, biking, motorcycles and weekend trips to the mountains. We are both masculine, stable, upbeat guys who are HIV-, nonsmokers, light drinkers and not into bars. PO Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★9541.

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A very attractive Mestizo boy with a beautiful smile and a smooth, well-defined body; 27 yrs. old; blk/brn; 140 lbs.; 5'7"; HIV-; is searching for a steady boyfriend who's emotionally and mentally mature; sincere; loyal; romantic; monogamous; compassionate; under 30; cute; fun to be with; and "free" to love. For guaranteed response please send most recent picture w/letter. Reply BT Box AG70B.

Penpals Wanted: Caucasian Or Asian
Penpals wanted to share viewpoints about life, hobbies, politics, etc. All in good taste. I enjoy classical music, bike riding, hang-gliding, weight-lifting, reading and more. I don't smoke or drink. I'm Caucasian, 45, 6'2", 200#. Write with photo: R.G., Suite 33-238, 4555 N. Pershing Ave., Stockton 95207.

Amaze Yourself
Meet a progressive kind of guy. I'm early 40s, look mid-30s, 160 lbs., 6 ft., brn/brn, HIV-. Pursuits include meditating, swimming, cycling, and an astounding appetite for books and musical diversity. My personality tends to be introverted yet gutsy. Sane, socially conscious, I can be an animated conversationalist with a responsive and sensuous nature. If your spirit is receptive, send a photo and tell about yourself. Sorry, mail responses only. Reply BT Box AG71B.

Best Of Both Worlds
45 y.o. WM, 5'10", 150 lbs., br/br, very hairy, hot, hung, vers., but also very well-educated with a multitude of both intellectual and outdoor activities. Travel extensively here & abroad, hikes, camping, opera, boats, trains, dogs, politics, history, you name it. Economically independent with a great deal of free time/flexibility. HIV+, very healthy, looking for friends/lover to share my active life. Reply BT Box AG72B or call ★★9542.

Slim Asian Wanted
Warm WM, youthful 42 years, 6'2", 175 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, seeking warm-hearted, slim to skinny Asian, 19-35, for boyfriend or possible lover. I'm nonsmoking, affectionate, good listener, healthy. Plus if you have some interest in exercise, are foreign born, somewhat shy and don't like bars. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Hey You... (Yeah You!!!)
... Ever been on a mini-vacation in the boonies? The kind of weekend where you and a bud zipped'two sleeping bags together and held each other all night under the stars. Yes, you guessed it—another hopeless romantic!!! Sure, I've had my "cheap sex moments of glory" but they were just that—moments... As for me I'm 31, 6'1", 165 pounds, blond hair and blue eyes. I'm very masculine, good-looking to cute, usually tan, very friendly and outgoing. As for you, you're over 18 but not over 32, don't live in clubs, have a generally optimistic outlook, are playful but have a serious side with a fantastic sense of humor! Extra points given for other hopeless romantics (after all, I'm the world's best kisser!). I don't believe in instant anything but everything has to start somewhere—maybe this time it could just be with a phone call... Reply BT Box AG73B or call ★★9543.

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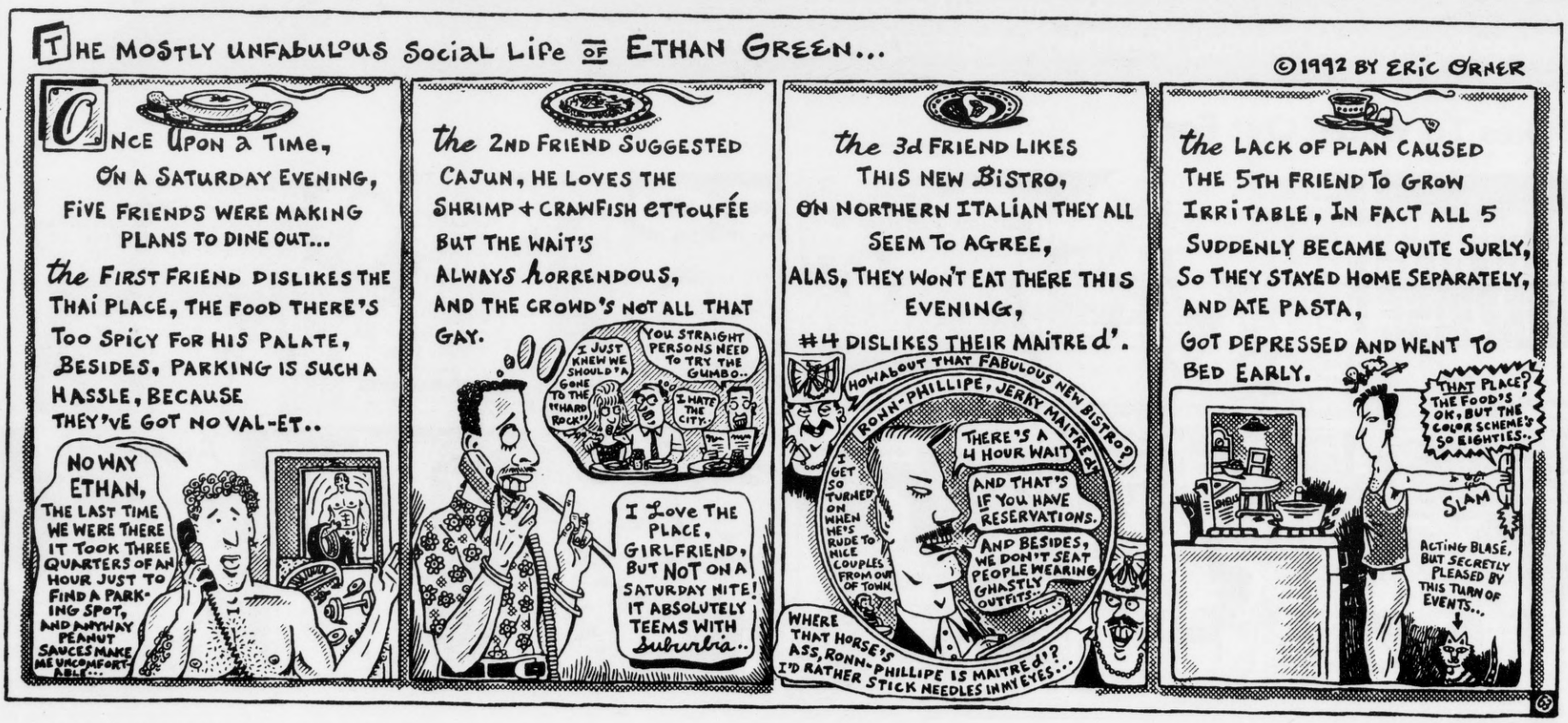
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ONCE UPON A TIME, ON A SATURDAY EVENING, FIVE FRIENDS WERE MAKING PLANS TO DINE OUT...
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NO WAY ETHAN, THE LAST TIME WE WERE THERE IT TOOK THREE QUARTERS OF AN HOUR JUST TO FIND A PARKING SPOT, AND ANYWAY PEANUT SAUCES MAKE ME UNCOMFORTABLE...
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I JUST KNEW WE SHOULD'A GONE TO THE "HARD ROCK"
YOU STRAIGHT PERSONS NEED TO TRY THE GUMBO..
I HATE THE CITY.
I LOVE THE PLACE, GIRLFRIEND, BUT NOT ON A SATURDAY NITE! IT ABSOLUTELY TEEMS WITH Suburbia..
the 3d FRIEND LIKES THIS NEW BISTRO, ON NORTHERN ITALIAN THEY ALL SEEM TO AGREE, ALAS, THEY WON'T EAT THERE THIS EVENING, #4 DISLIKES THEIR MAITRE d'.
HOWABOUT THAT FABULOUS NEW BISTRO? RONN-PHILLIPE, JERKY MAITRE d?
I GET SO TURNED ON WHEN HE'S RUDE TO NICE COUPLES FROM OUT OF TOWN.
THERE'S A 4 HOUR WAIT
AND THAT'S IF YOU HAVE RESERVATIONS.
AND BESIDES, WE DON'T SEAT PEOPLE WEARING GHASTLY OUTFITS!..
WHERE THAT HORSE'S ASS, RONN-PHILLIPE IS MAITRE d'? I'D RATHER STICK NEEDLES IN MY EYES...
the LACK OF PLAN CAUSED THE 5TH FRIEND TO GROW IRRITABLE, IN FACT ALL 5 SUDDENLY BECAME QUITE SURLY, SO THEY STAYED HOME SEPARATELY, AND ATE PASTA, GOT DEPRESSED AND WENT TO BED EARLY.
THAT PLACE? THE FOOD'S OK, BUT THE COLOR SCHEME'S SO EIGHTIES..
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Handsome Asian, 32. Athletic, clean, HIV-, would like to meet a healthy, HIV-, nonsmoker, GWM for hot daytime safe sex affair. Married or bi a plus. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 347325, SF 94134 or call ★★9545.

You're a GWM with integrity; 35-55 yrs., attractive and fit. You enjoy the outdoors, home and sharing. Your talents/responsibilities help define you yet you strive for balance in life. You have doubts but success and failure have made you compassionate, with an appreciation and zest for life. When it comes to love, you want a man worthy of respect/trust, who is as passionate in bed as you; considerate and gives you space to be. This is you and this is me. I am a youthful, sensual GWM, 54, HIV-, living in the South Bay. Your personal letter will get my response. Reply BT Box AG74B or call ★★9546.

Discipline Me

GWM, 5′10″, 170 lbs., late 30s, HIV-, attractive, seeks similar masculine GWM to late 40s. Want a safe and sane top to introduce me to safe ass play incl. spanking, toys and fucking (condom required). Also open to fantasy/role play/bondage but not S/M or weirdness. Pls be dominant yet caring; respectful of limits while being firm. Call ★★9547.

Short Stature Submissive GWM Wanted

I'm a dominant, blue collar, 38 years, GWM, 6′¾″, a husky 210 lbs., moderately hairy, of fair complexion, dark brown moustache, brown eyes, black hair (balding), straight acting, and HIV-. I'm seeking a submissive, straight acting, GWM, 21 to 45 years, 5′6″ in height or less, of average to slim build, HIV-; who's into manual manipulation of his body. Not just the body in general, but the more erotic areas as well. One in particular, exteriorly and interiorly. You know that one, guy! Must have weekends available, live from San Francisco to San Jose, and activity will take place at your residence. PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064.

Searching For The Long Run

GWM, 39 y.o., brown hair, brown eyes, professional, East Bay, HIV-; looking to meet other men for friendship and, if the chemistry is right, dating. I'm 5′11″, sort of Mediterranean appearing, with a hairy chest and a "swimmer's build." I have plenty of education and professional development. Now I'm looking to grow in a loving bond with spiritual, mental and physical connection. A long-term relationship is my ultimate goal but any friendships developed along the way would be greatly appreciated. If you're 34 to 44 y.o., slim to medium in build, educated and looking to develop a quality partnership, let's talk. Reply BT Box AG75B or call ★★9548.

Country Rad

Not looking for innocent farmboy or beachboy from down South. Am looking for somebody with a mind as crazy as me, into country talk, mountains, leather, old denim, toys from the hardware store, rubber gear made from old inner tubes, radical safe sleaze (radical country politics, too, if you're into that). 5′7″, 140, 55, 70 miles north of SF. Reply BT Box AG76B or call ★★9549.

Manly Muscles

GWM, 45, 175 lbs., 5′10″, full of fun & very muscular, seeks similar healthy professional who is relationship-oriented. Masculine, muscular, good-looking and a high self-image describes us. Photo & letter. Reply BT Box AG77B or call ★★9550.

The Dear Love Of Comrades

Queer WM, 44, 5′8″, 165 lbs., cleanshaven, hairy, shy moody semi-nocturnal modern primitive pagan shaman poet tattooed writer intellectual woodworker musician sex magician sci-fi/fantasy nut into music, books, creativity, movies, lust, tribal drumming, rituals, camping, backpacking, pleasure walking on the beach at night, TOPY, Celtic Faery lore, howling at the moon, unity of body and spirit, gardening, exploring people/intimacy/bodies/souls/hearts; wants cleanshaven guys, 18-27, of like mind for mutual friendship, intimacy, exploration and pleasure. Smooth, long hair a+, shy inexp. OK. Call ★★9551.

Seeking Special Asian!

Handsome, young GWM hoping to find "special" Asian for friendship that develops into loving, devoted relationship. I have much to offer a companion. 5′10″, tall, muscular 150 lbs., soft brown curly hair, green eyes. Happy, healthy, very romantic, and good sense of humor. Educated, professional, honest and very ambitious (currently president of three corporations). Looking for man under 30, attractive, intelligent, goal-oriented, honest, clean, nonsmoker. I'm attracted to trim bodies, slender hips, minimal body hair and big smiles! Is this you? Please send recent photo (I will return), descriptive info, address and phone number. Take a chance... This could be something wonderful! A.C. Reply BT Box AG78B or call ★★9552.

Asian

GAM, 44 years old, 125 lbs., 5′6″, caring, honest, sincere, sensitive, easygoing, seeks a mature GWM for possible relationship. Please be a nonsmoker/drinker and a non-drug user. With you I would like to enjoy quiet times, music, walking, cooking, traveling... Please reply with phone/photo (will be returned). Reply BT Box AG79B.

Absolutely Positive

HIV (handsome, intelligent, versatile) GWM PWA seeks new friendships and possibly more. Still very active, I enjoy working part time in electronics research, but I also enjoy modern art, movies, classical, jazz, motorcycles and walking my dog at Land's End. Although I have lost weight due to my condition, how many GMs in their 40s do you know with a flat stomach who can still wear boy's size 18? Also, keep in mind that not all parts of my anatomy have shrunk. So, if you are not uptight about spending time with a PWA who is still cute and dependable, give me a call. Call ★★9553.

Tit Men

Passionate, masculine, GBM, 38, 5′10″, 165, muscular, with big nipples. Into mutual tit action and toys. No pain. Prefer trim, smooth, masculine men. Race not important. Come on, guys, let's share some hot passion. Write with photo, or call. Reply BT Box AG80B or call ★★9554.

New, Young W/Morals

6′2″, blue eyed, attractive, elegant, 23-yr.-old. Seeks attractive (no pretty boy attitudes), sweet, honest, spontaneous, fun companion for possible relationship. I like dancing, sunning, old movies, classical, Jazz and Madonna. You like to cuddle, romance, teach and explore. You are 23-35, mature but young at heart, sensual and intelligent. Sense of humor a must—teasing a plus. Call ★★9555.

Inner Beauty Essential

Caring, classical musician/teacher, "INFP" artist-type, healthy mind/body, seeks devoted partner who can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, thoughtful, integrity, aware, adaptable, intuitive, healthy, secure, compassionate, unconditional, non-egocentric, balance, love of self/others/beauty, philosophical, young at heart, spontaneous. Enjoy: talking, psychology, shared experiences, music(-making), dining, animals, walks, quiet times, writing, exploring. GWM, young 44, 123#. Willing to relocate. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★9556.

Fire And Ice

Like you, this 6′, blue-eyed, 170 lb., Scandinavian with receding light brown hair considers himself attractive, but isn't hung up on it. Like you, this 37-year-old Peninsula man loves spending the day or evening exploring the City, but also knows there is life outside of the Castro. Like you, this passionate, spontaneous guy seeks a kindred spirit—someone to share romantic dinners, long walks, late, lustful nights, lazy mornings. Like you, this successful professional is drawn toward intelligent, goal-oriented people, but can do without the attitude. Like you, this spiritual, caring, nice guy believes people are more important than things, and gay men are more than just objects. Like you, this transplanted Midwesterner is HIV-, works out some, and is in reasonably good shape. Now we both know that relationships don't just happen. They take time and devotion, added to an initial chemistry. But you're like me, willing to take the risk and explore the possibilities! Reply BT Box AG81B or call ★★9557.

Pretty Black Pre-Op Transsexual

Seeking boyfriend for a nice, steady relationship. I'm very, very pretty, plus I'm a Virgo. You must be a Leo or Scorpio, light-skinned Black or Caucasian Black, healthy, HIV+. No TLSes or Civic Centers in my life or home. I'm a clean and to-myself, respectable lady & guys don't worry—I look real & feel real & hope to have a gentleman in my life soon. Call ★★9558.

Monterey Area Nudist

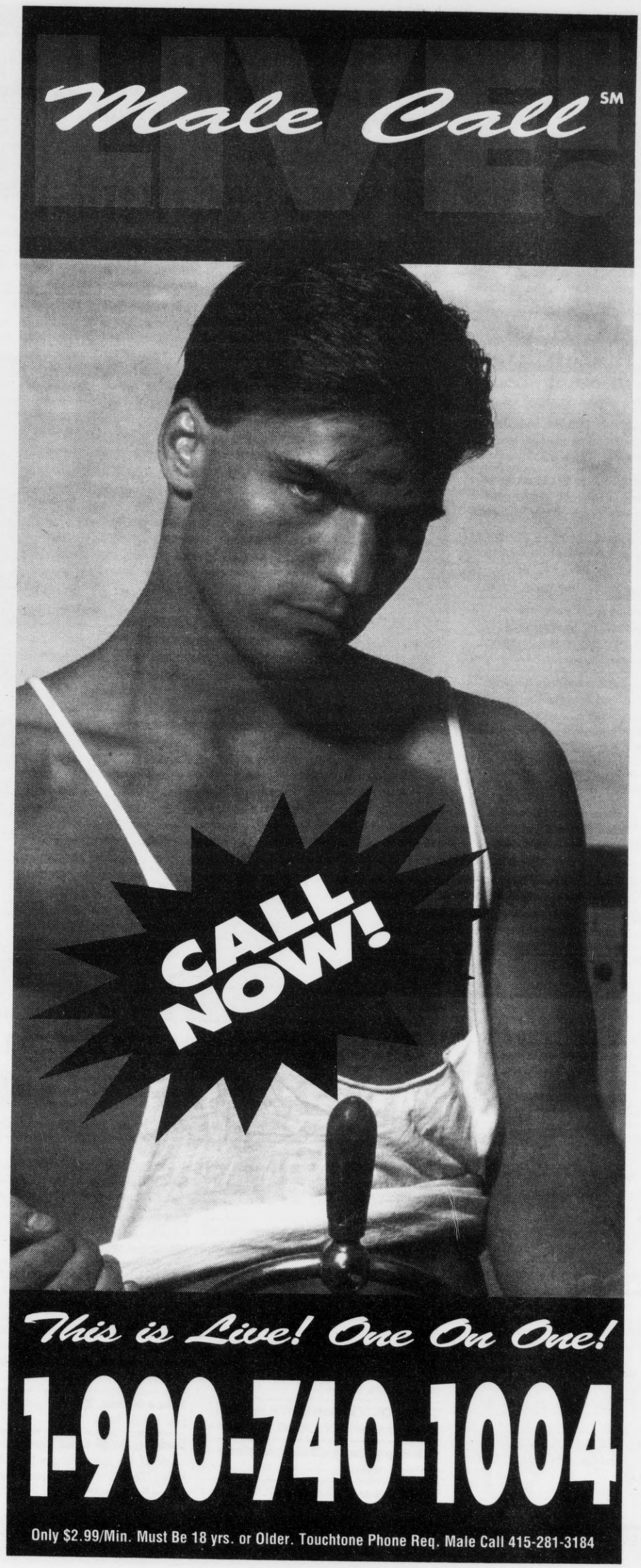
40, WM, 6′, 160, brn/hazel, average build, seeks other male nudists for social, recreational activities. Nonsexual companionship only. Prefer mid-40s or younger, college students welcome. Penpals welcome. Nudist group—monthly meetings. Party naked. Welcome individuals with self-contained motor homes who would be interested in clothing optional living situation on 100 acres, secluded, very rustic, private property. Box 0406-BT, Gonzales, CA 93926 or call ★★9559.

Muscle Bully Vs. Weakling Wimp

Look, I'm out of shape, overweight at 6′3″, 260 lbs., 35 yrs. But I'm working hard on it. And I'm only attracted to narcissistic, exhibitionist types with bodies by God (washboard abs, defined pecs, veined, peaked biceps) like those old comix ads I grew up with. I'm looking to meet my muscle bully on the beach who will humiliate me with his posing routine, then bullying this weakling into worshipping him! If Bluto stealing Popeye's spinach, then muscle-crunching him to a pulp also turns you on, go ahead, kick sand in my face! Reply BT Box AG82B or call ★★9560.

Say It Like It Is!

I'm a GWM, Aquarius, handsome, medium build, good shape, not gym-toned, 6′, 182, crewcut, grayish blond, hazel eyes, glasses/contacts, moustache, occasional beard, usually tanned, 52 yrs. old (but look 40ish), masculine, sexy, mature, self-employed decorator/maintenance, UC, endowed, most comfortable in 501s & tank-tops, moderate drinker, nonsmoker (doesn't bother me if you do), HIV- (being positive doesn't frighten me from repliers), very healthy, high energy level, not drug-oriented, hopeless romantic, adventurous, hot kisser, oral fixated, sensitive/caring, intelligent, sense of humor, fun guy, community leader seeking time for himself after years of services, recently single, sincere-honest, multi-varied interests—leather, 49ers, outdoors, beach walks, easy music, good TV, quiet times, exploring, simplified surroundings, movies and new experiences. Future outlook/goal—date-friendships, romance-hot times, sex with touch & warmth-feelings, a lover/partner, see what develops... few requirements... GWM/GBM, 35-55, rugged handsomeness, masculine, good body, similar height, must be romantic, mutual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Sacramento: Steve, bi-curious, want to try something new Ext. 8876

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Clean Shaven from Fresno, 6' 170lbs., very handsome Steve, need goodlooking well hung man, please be discreet. Ext. 6786

Sacramento Law student masculine, 26, 5'10", seeks smaller, boyish, cute fun guys, clean shaven. Ask for Bob. Ext. 7077

Can Travel, 37, 6'1", 190lbs., dark hair, clean shaven, tanned top man seeks hairy body. Ext. 7033

Let's Explore Together, Mike from Sacramento, 35, 5'10", sandy grey hair, looking for fun and attractive men for fun times. Ext. 6999

Yes, seeking part time lover, I'm, 35 white, 5'9", 28 inch waist, smooth masculine, new to scene, Bi's OK. Ext. 6690

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Stockton, CA, 5'11", brown hair, top man seeks younger guys. Leave a message. Ext. 5045

Sacramento, Eric, young guy without experience, no strings attached, call me and leave a message. Ext. 4911

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Steven in Portland, 28, handsome, 5'9", 160lbs. flat top, 31" waist, versatile. Ext. 5269

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Portland Athletic, 23,, looking for top men 28-38, call Tim. Ext. 4752

Small Town, GWM in 40's looking for young house mate. Ext. 4371

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Attn: Uncut Latinos

This very good-looking, straight-acting, 30 y.o., GWM, 6', 215 lbs., HIV-, clean, honest, deep throat, size unimportant, but uncut is! You: Latino, 18-30, hot-looking, straight, bi, gay, all OK, who loves to be serviced. My mouth knows how to satisfy your uncut cock. Send description w/phone and photo if possible. Reply BT Box AG85B.

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Seeking Gypsy Warrior (24-34 y.o.) who values exploration of the imagination & spiritual cultivation. Like me, you have a passion for flamenco, Rai, Indian ragas, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, jazz, astrology, psychedelics. I am BiAM, 29, 5'10", 160#, artistic (singer/musician) & athletic (I love martial arts, weight training, belly dancing) ... let's get together to rave & dance all night, spend the weekend camping in sacred communion with the earth, study tantra, work out together, or stalk the city/cafes in search of knowledge, enlightenment & a few good parties. Call ★★9571.

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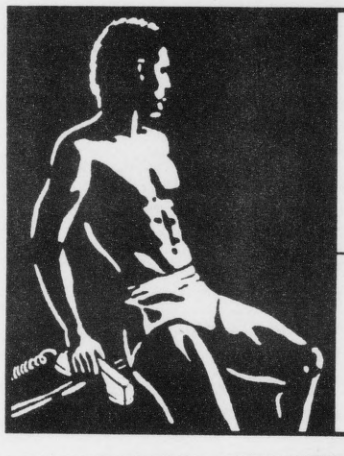
Seeks G/BiWM. Me: 6'2", 230, 40 y.o., br/blk, beard, 'stache, uncut, top, endowed. Enjoy racquet sports, b-ball, volleyball, football. Seeking mate who enjoys sports, eating, massage, good music and conversation. Looks aren't important but honesty and a nice body is. Include p/p and your interest. Drop a line and we chat. Enclose p/ph #. PO Box 27517, Oakland 94602-517.

Swim With The Guppy

GWM, new to area, looking for friends and more. I'm good-looking, professional, in-shape, and I like to laugh. Am looking to meet a bright, twenty-something, nonsmoker to swim, work out, hold hands, see movies, eat out, eat in, and rumple the sheets with. Reply BT Box AG90B or call ★★9572.



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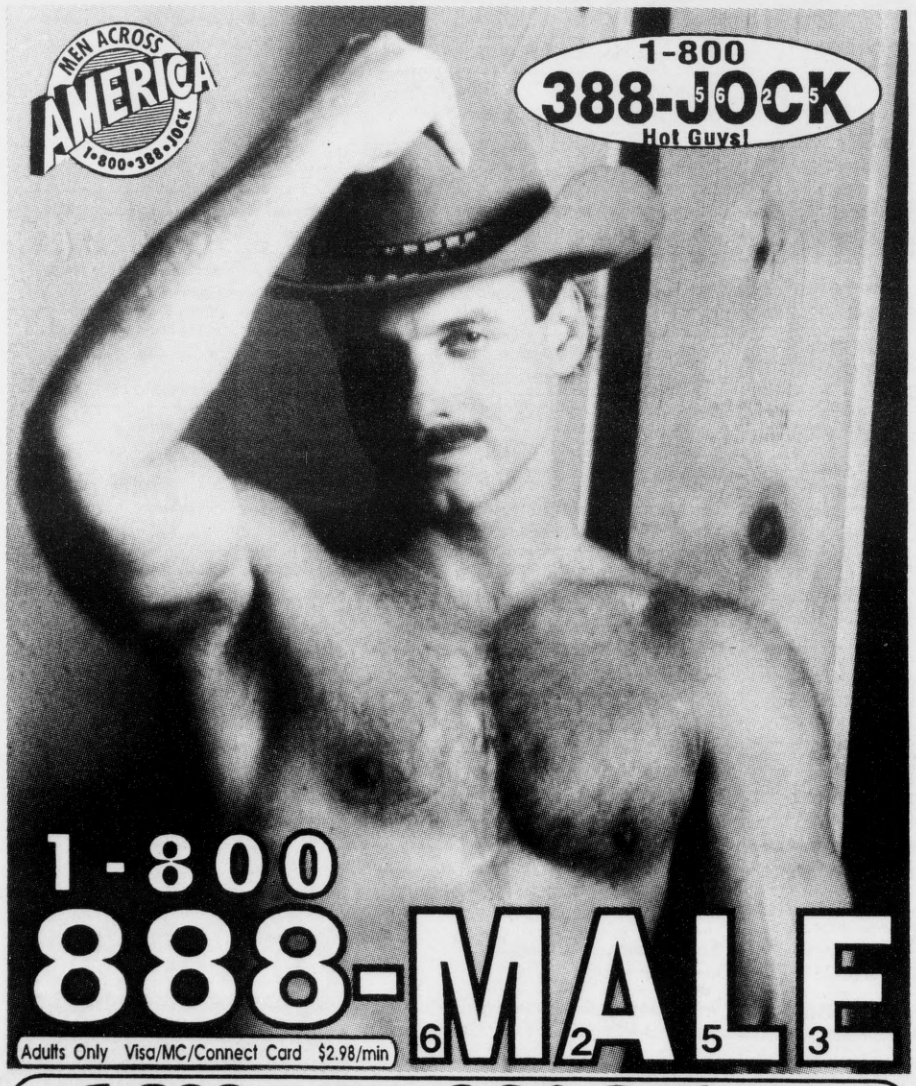

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Middle-aged daddy type, HIV-, seeks cute HIV-boy type, under 30ish, who is slender or has a swimmer's build. Nonsmoker! Short receives bonus points. Just so there is no misunderstanding: Me-Boss, You-Boy. Other details after I receive your phone and photo. Reply to: Boxholder, PO Box 950, Guerneville 95446.

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Very talented, late 30s, 5'10", 160 lbs., trim beard, hairy, brown/green, available evenings and some days, seek sexual friendship or just hot times. Open to all types of (trim) men and also love getting head. Call ★★9574.

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To share the freedom aboard my 45 ft. sailboat and help me continue the perfect Bay Area natural lifestyle. I'm 40, 5'11", 170, fit, HIV- and ready to bond with a young man who has an unfulfilled sense of adventure. No experience necessary, just the will to learn, a hunger to explore and the desire for a monogamous relationship. Captain, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★9575.

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Bikini Buff
WM, 34, 6'2", 170 lbs., beard, blond curls, wants friends into wearing scanty beach bikinis with me. If you're HIV-, under 30 and turned on by wearing and seeing the skimpiest, most revealing bikini on the beach, then let's picnic and frolic in the sun together. Race unimportant. Bikini infatuation is a must. Letter and photo to PO Box 3295, San Rafael 94912 or call ★★9577.

Help
GWM, 30, spiritually & emotionally connected. 6'3", chiseled features, dk blond hair, 195 lb., well-built, of German & Italian descent. Seeks a soulful person who knows how to laugh & touch on different levels. Please be well-built & good-looking, between 25-35, intellectually adventurous; let's encourage each other. Photo appreciated & gladly returned. Reply BT Box AG92B or call ★★9578.

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One young, hot guy, seeking same (gay or bi) to watch 49er action with and possibly have some fifth quarter action, i.e., hot, safe sex. Must be 49er fan and good-looking. I can't think of a better way to spend a Sunday. P.S., I am a gay Italian, 27 years old, brown hair, brown eyes, 5'10", 175 lbs., good shape, very good-looking. Call ★★9579.

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GWM, 30 yrs. old, 5'8", 140 lbs., blond/blue, handsome, athletic, college educated, professional seeks GM, 25-35 yrs., attractive, bright, healthy mind/spirit. I believe a relationship begins with friendship and develops from there. Trust, mutual respect, similar values/interests are important. I value: intellectual/emotional/spiritual growth and maturity; love; friendship; community. My interests: theater, music, entertaining friends, travel, biking, hiking, reading, etc. Reply BT Box AG93B or call ★★9580.

Bright Men Turn Me On
When you say something smart I feel warmth in my loins. When you enjoy a non-best seller I can get horny. Admire a tenor other than Pavarotti and my hand is on your thigh. If, like me, you are slender and smooth-skinned, that's a plus. Am 6'5", 200, 55, HIV-, a teacher/poet, drawer of nude males, good amateur masseur. When I remember to put contact lenses in and don red flannel shirt/faded jeans I feel attractive, even sexy. Your fairly detailed letter gets mine. A photo exchange would be nice. Want to date? Reply BT Box AG94B.

One Nighters Anonymous
It's saddening to realize my search for intimacy has many times ended with uncomfortable morning breath, a mere phone # on a piece of paper and a promise to call. Perhaps the phone would have rung had I given the correct #, but that's not important now. I'm a handsome, 28, 5'7", 170, GAM, smoker, who has been categorized as a banana. Go and figure! I enjoy (or pretend to) working out, jogging, films (mainly foreign), dancing, whining and dining in or out, long conversations regarding each other's dysfunctions, and intimate evenings followed by passionate lovemaking and more discussions about our dysfunctions. I'd like to connect with an intelligent, masculine, honest, sensitive, outgoing, humorous man around my age, who possesses the ability to share and learn alongside myself. Turn-offs: rice queens, superficiality, drug abusers (heavy, that is), narrowmindedness, and serial killers. (Although think of the fascinating talks.) SF a+. Reply BT Box AG95B or call ★★9581.

Tanned, Hairy Legs?
This good-looking, masculine, 32-year-old GWM (6'2", 180, brown/blue, beard) gets off on handsome men who enjoy having their masculine, tanned, hairy legs licked, massaged and ?? Call ★★9582.

Just A Regular Guy...
Looking for another regular guy like myself. I'm a handsome, 37 y.o., GWM, 5'10", 175 lbs., HIV-, with a very muscular build. I have a great job, own my own condo and work hard to make a good living. I have lots of friends, but that special someone has already eluded me. Not that I expect this ad to change my life, but I guess you never know unless you give it a try. I'm attracted to men aged 25-45, with a great smile, a muscular build, a good sense of humor, and a secure future. So, to all you "regular guys" out there who may have read these ads in the past but didn't respond for one reason or another (like me, many times) why not give this guy a shout or send me a note and tell me about yourself? Hopefully we'll both be pleasantly surprised. Reply BT Box AG96B or call ★★9583.

Down-To-Earth
Independent, 24 y.o., Asian wants to meet clean-shaven WM, under 30 y.o., for a sex buddy or relationship or both! Unconventional, enjoy humor, modern rock, dancing, swimming, nature, hiking, comedy, sci-fi, movies, leather and a wonderful list of sexual perversions. Call ★★9584.

A Loving, Lusty Liaison
With an intelligent, lean, mature, long-legged, gentle man desired by an alliterative WM, 59, 155#, br/gray/wavy, hazel, attractive line-ed face. We will enjoy a Debussy quartet; have a quiche; prune a rose; solve a crossword anagram; magic-carpet to Bali; make love with my 9½" nestled between your legs. I smoke/drink, am negative. All this in Hayward. Reply BT Box AG97B or call ★★9585.

GWM Seeks GLM/GAM
24, 6'1", well-built, brown hair, dark brown eyes, new to gay scene, enjoys working out, travel, beach, seeking GLM/GAM, 21-29, well-built, for friendship, possible relationship. Reply BT Box AG98B or call ★★9586.

Autumn 1992
South Bay prof. GWM, mid-40s, dark brown hair & eyes, 5'9", on slim side, nonsmoker, with general interest in classical music, arts & trips to the wine country. Enjoy meeting someone with similar taste, HIV-, safe & sensual nature (long-ish hair a turn-on). Let's explore autumn together. Drop a line—photo & phone would expedite—to PO Box 3579, San Jose 95156. Ciao, good-looking.

Still Need A Man
Looking for a GW man, late-40s/mid-50s, healthy, supportive, interested in bridge, travel, cooking, socializing with good friends, exercise and sharing. Similar levels of income, education, aspirations are pluses. Inner qualities more important than externals. I am a successful, professional, healthy Southerner and fit the above. Currently living in the East Bay but the world is my space. Reply 584 Castro St., #608, SF 94114.

Irresistible Urge
To share honest, intimate relations with one wonderful man—be friends, companions, confidants, lovers. Laughter, romance, sensuality and a shared future will keep us fresh and alive. Lost my lover of nine years one year ago. I'm ready to move forward, hoping love and lifetime commitment will happen again. I'm 49, 5'8", 195 lbs., HIV-, gray hair/moustache, attractive, intelligent, with a disposition both lively/humorous and quiet/contemplative. Enjoy music from classical to Gypsy Kings, reading, writing, PWA volunteer work, creative arts/crafts, videos from classic movies to Falcon, serious conversation, spontaneous fun. Father of grown children. Not into athletics, gym, cruising, bars or back rooms. You're GWM, HIV-, 40 to 60, FrA/P, top, willing to explore mutual delights. Your looks, size not priority, but your kindness, unpretentiousness, stability, monogamy and desire for serious commitment are. Reply BT Box AG99B or call ★★9587.

Romantic Friendship Wanted
GBM, 33, 148 lbs., 5'8", trim beard, healthy and handsome, seeks GWM, 29-41, with similar build and height, for romantic friendship and possible relationship. You should be a nonsmoker, light to moderate drinking is OK. Some of my interests are tennis, travel, music, dancing, city and nature walks. Sexually, I'm interested in someone that is versatile, sensual, creative yet masculine like me. Reply BT Box AG100B or call ★★9588.

Country Guy
Masculine, hairy, 6'2", blond/blue, tan, athletic, well-built, 39 yrs. old, enjoys motorcycles, white water rafting, skiing, quiet evenings, sex, camping and beaches. Seeking a "hairy," well-built, masculine guy, who is genuine, down-to-earth, and not afraid to be a leader, as well as a follower. Possible relationship. Reply BT Box AG101B.

Cal Student
GWM, 20, 5'11", 150 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, attractive, clean-cut, masculine, nonsmoker, no drugs, genuine, honest and intelligent. Don't feel at home in the cruisy club/bar scene, seeking another similar, masculine, ordinary, boy-next-door type dude who is 18-26, lives in the East Bay, and is friendship/relationship oriented. Students and athletic guys a plus. Call ★★9589.

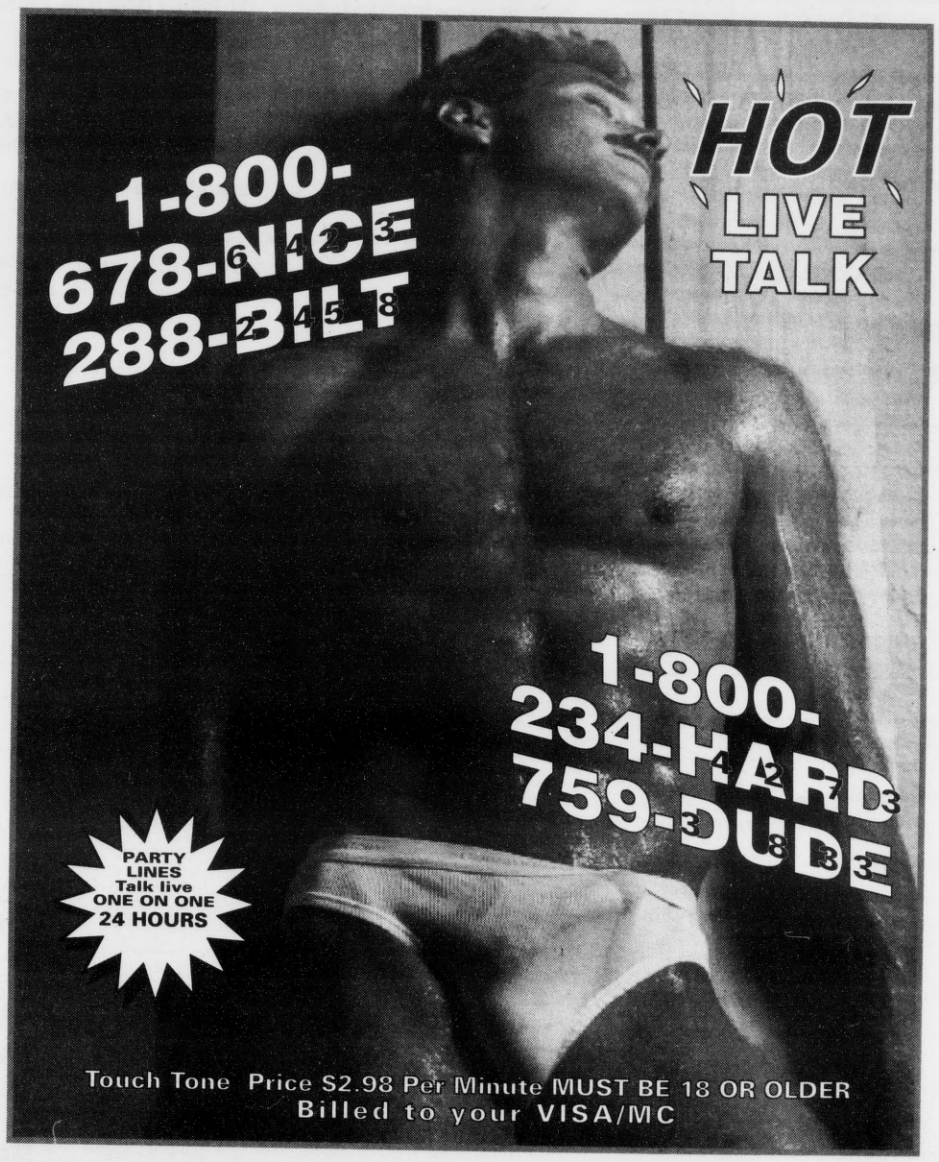
A Picture Of You?
In my mind I can paint a picture of you but would it be you? What colors my imagination is your assertive and gentle presence, a trusting comfort, insightful sensitivity, passion, and an outward beauty that matches the inward. Your hues, your characteristics, are real. Our meeting will be awkward yet pleasing, catching us both off guard—but we'll both know it's right. If this resembles you, respond and let's take it from there. Reply BT Box AG102B or call ★★9590.

Foot Lover
Good-looking GWM, 29, 5'11", 165 lbs., clean-cut and well-built. Men's feet, sneakers, sweat-socks are real turn-ons for me, how about you? If you're into it, or curious and would like to explore, give me a call. You should be good-looking and under 35. Call ★★9591.

September Song
It's been a while since this East Bay guy has had a special person in his life. I'm 48, 155#, 5'10", br/br-silver, s&p 'stache, fit, handsome, healthy HIV+, nonsmoker, musical and sincere. What about you? Call ★★9592.

Straight Men
Gay males seeks other gay males who, like myself, are attracted exclusively to good-looking straight men. Boxholder, PO Box 591078, SF 94159 or call ★★9593.

Mediterranean
Looks & lifestyle. I like the outdoors, sports & recreation, symphony & ballet. Also enjoy cooking dinners al fresco or dining out. Would like to



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Seeks Thai Friend

Attractive, professional WM, late-40s, HIV-, masculine, healthy, well-proportioned body, active, sports and music interests, caring, sincere, romantic, looking for Thai/Asian friends/companion, 20-35, with similar qualities. Please reply BT Box AG104B or call ★★9594.

Finding And Believing

43 y.o., GBM professional, with smooth, light brown skin, tired of doing things alone. Would like to meet other relationship-oriented, emotionally available men for dating, intimacy and sexual explorations. You may be taller or shorter than my 6'1" and probably thinner than my 185 lbs., younger or older than my 43 years. You prefer being on bottom, enjoy cuddling, kissing, French A/P, laughing and change. Are you very good-looking? Unconventionally good-looking? Ordinary looking? None of these subjective judgments is as important as what shines through from the inside. Although not into bars, I still have a cha cha gene that occasionally kicks in. I prefer books, movies and music to TV. In my next life I want to be Patti LaBelle or some other screaming diva, Pavarotti, or perhaps a screaming drag queen. You must have a sense of humor. Quiet times, friendship and commitment are important to me. Openness and honesty are essential. I am naturally masculine and positive in all areas of my life, including more than 10 years asymptomatic HIV+. Positive attitude, spirituality and avoidance of traditionally prescribed HIV medications are what I do to maintain my health. You are healthy, drug- and smoke-free and do not abuse alcohol. I like children and most other creatures, but I am allergic to cats and negative people. It wasn't easy to write this ad so please don't be intimated. Respond with letter and photo. Reply BT Box AG105B.

Diverse Professional

Has many things, but lacks partner. If you are twenty- or thirtysomething, bright, slender and stable, read on. This DP is in mid-40s, 5'10", 155#, medium build, moustache (s&p), Italian-American. Into reading, playing piano (badly, alas), traditional spirituality (Episcopalian), sometimes adventurous sex (bondage). Tired of shallowness of many in gay world. Looking for a cultivated young guy who is put off by the music in most gay bars as much as I am. I hope to find friendship and romance, not quickies. Reply BT Box AG106B.

Rough Sex And Affection

For right Asian friend offered by handsome, fit, sincere, white professional, 33. I'm an unashamed top who understands your need for tenderness and trust mixed with a need to be manhandled, to experiment with your desires. Write PO Box 61423, Sunnyvale 94086, with a detailed letter, and I'll get back to you!

Seeking Son

Two nice-looking guys, late 40s, looking for a serious, longterm relationship with a young playmate. We are both negative, well-hung, into safe sex. Your weekend visits to our home in Guerneville will involve conversation, dinners, sitting by the river. We request you be well-groomed, conservative, hung, a good person. Descriptive reply with recent photo. Reply PO Box 502, Guerneville 95446.

Good-looking artist, political activist, workaholic, shy, 41, SWM, who is independent and uses a wheelchair, is interested in meeting off-beat, intellectual, independent-type person who likes to do things and have fun. Driver's licenses preferred. I have a great sense of humor... I like to go on log rolls. I like cafes and not sitting around on weekends. Recently moved to Marin, so of course I am seeking positive interaction. Would like to meet men of equal character, ambition and progressiveness, whatever that means, who are not into roles. I am HIV-, mostly nonsmoker, light drinker. I have traveled and worked in Europe, Middle East, Central America and Asia. Reply BT Box AG107B or call ★★9595.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guy of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★9596.

Nation Of Ulysses

QWM, 26, seeks oldster who refuses assimilation in both the straight world and gay ghetto. You are smart with a preference for "difficult" literature, music and people because you know they are (usually) worth it. You are masculine but are neither an ego-stoked daddy/boy fetishist nor a misogynist creep. Okay, now me. I'm a nice, meek-looking student with glasses, messy brown hair and a serious fashion deficiency. Pretty average looks and body but there's something there. You know the type. I dig Sadie Benning, Spike Jones, Bitch Nation, Rob't Rauschenberg, Sun Ra, the K aesthetic, bell hooks, Semiotext(e), John Cage, Kicking Giant, Captain Picard and a lot of other stuff we can talk about later. A photo is appreciated. Reply BT Box AG108B or call ★★9597.

Tiger Seeks Bear

Just moved to SF. Presently seeking friends and romance—ultimately seeking monogamy (it can happen...). QWM, 30, 5'10", 140, curly bl/br, moustache, masculine, smart, sweet, so cute—artist, art therapist, carpenter. Likes the arts, the outdoors, theosophy, sex, medicine/healing. Tender vanilla top, F/A/P, G/A, great kisser/cuddler. Seeks kind, intelligent, hairy/bearded HIV+ companion. No sex police, Republicans or chemically dependent. Call ★★9598.

Prince Albert's Birthday

Is August 26. We really should blow something! 173? Well, we could add it up with 4 guys averaging 43 years old or 5 averaging 35. I'm somewhere between the two, redbearded, handsome, and eager to put my Prince Albert in your can or yours in mine. Partial to fur. We are not amused with tobacco or intoxicants. Letter and photo. Reply BT Box AG109B or call ★★9599.

Left Brain Seeks Right

Are you clever, creative, artistic, musical, aesthetic, tend to dream and nurture ideas, wake up at night with visions? Great, because I'm more linear in the way I think, although I'm inventive and intuitive, with a spiritual sense. I'm a type A who enjoys the moderating influence of a gentle man. Call and let's introduce one another to our two separate worlds. There's more "meat" in my voice-mail message. Call ★★9600.

Like Leather But Not S/M?

Leather daddy, late 40s, bearded, trim, distinguished salt & pepper, 6', seeks shorter, slim boy under 30. You have fantasized about having such a relationship but have been afraid of the S/M connotations. Relax—this daddy isn't into pain, just lots of TLC, daddy-boy stuff and maybe a little light B&D if the boy likes it. Definitely into leather and leather lifestyle. You should like giving head, letting daddy take charge. I am a patient, loving teacher. Call ★★9601.

Dream Upon A Star

I am a professional, financially secure 50 y.o., healthy, HIV+, GW gentle man. Med. build and height. Seeking partner for cultural events and support for my community involvement, and possible relationship. Enjoy hours of vanilla sex. No drugs, including cigarettes. Let's make dreams come true and stars connect! Written replies only with a photo of yourself to be returned. Reply BT Box AG110B or call ★★9602.

Respect And Sex

43-yr.-old, HIV+, WM New Englander; French-Canadian descent; dk. hair/brn eyes; wears glasses; studious in appearance and into bodybuilding. Loves to walk around the City; cook; not into glamour, but attractive. Seeking relationships with lots of respect and good sex. Likes to stay home and be taken for rides up the Mendocino coast. Reply BT Box AG111B.

Slam Dunk

Handsome, GWM, 34, 6', 175 lbs., brn/brn, swim/bike/run, successful writer, budding video/Polaroid artist, skier, tennis player, body surfer, world traveler, etc., wants help getting his b-ball game together. Need someone to show me how to shoot better and play a little (patient) one-on-one. There'll be some laughs at first but I'm a quick learner and promise to run your ass around the court in no time! Call ★★9603.

Serious Oral Service

sought. I'm hung, horny and hungry for hot head. Body: 5'9", brown, blue, moustache, 165 lbs., 48, and very well-hung. Mind: many interests, culture and nature, masks and face, words and the world, fantasies and flesh. You: a man of passion and originality; hairy chest and dark hair a plus. Hot licks, lewd talk, rolls in the hay. Seek sexual friendship, open to more. Call ★★9604.

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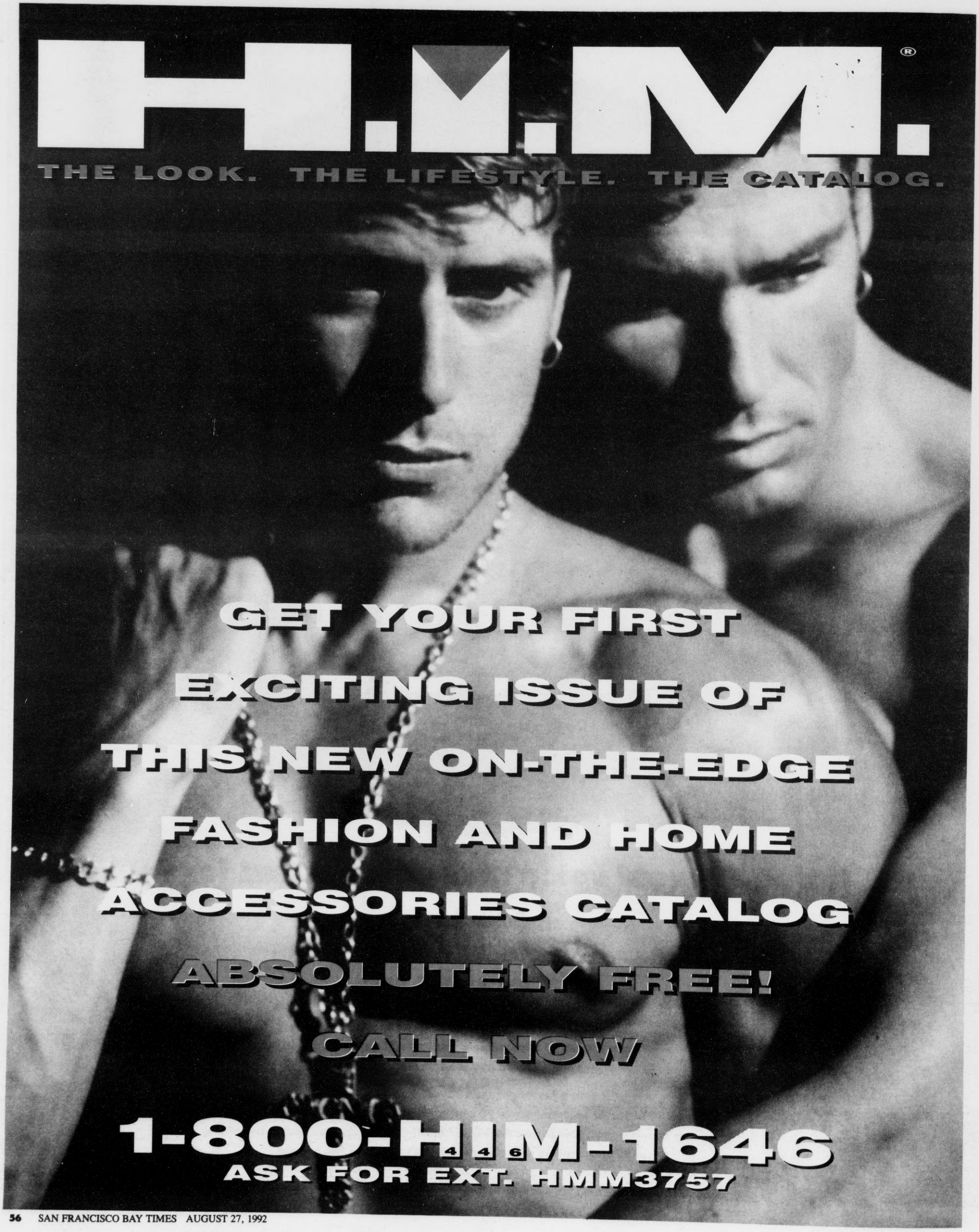

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